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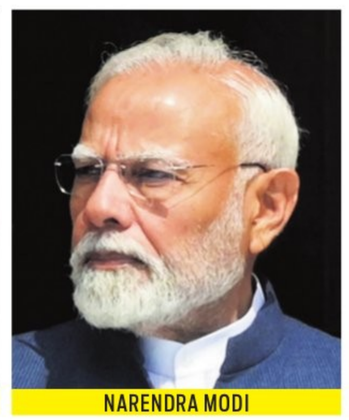

NARENDRA MODI

MODI, NETANYAHU DISCUSS GAZA, TIES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on phone, with the latter briefing him on the implementation of the Gaza peace plan. Both leaders reiterated their commitment to combating terrorism and strengthening the India-Israel strategic partnership | P11

WHITEFIELD HORROR

Neighbour kidnaps, kills 6-year-old girl

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@ Bengaluru

A six-year-old girl was allegedly kidnapped and murdered by her migrant neighbour over a trivial dispute with her family. The victim's body was found dumped in a drain near Nallurahalli in the Whitefield police limits around midnight on Tuesday. The victim was said to be from West Bengal. The accused, Yusuf Meer, a scrap collector, has been arrested. The families of the victim and Yusuf, all daily-wagers, were neighbours in Pattandur Agrahara.

The police said the girl was not to be seen on Tuesday noon and her parents filed a complaint. A probe was launched to trace the child. Later in the night, her body was found packed in a sack in a drain on Temple Road in Nallurahalli.

Yusuf kidnapped the girl on Tuesday around 11 am as he was angry with her parents. He allegedly strangled her to death using a nylon rope and dumped her body in the drain, the police said. It is said that a quarrel broke out recently between the girl's mother and Yusuf over a trivial issue and he had allegedly threatened the family. When the girl went missing, the victim's family suspected his role. As Yusuf was absconding, he was traced and nabbed.

"No injury marks were found. Autopsy report is awaited. The motive is yet to be ascertained," the police said.

Economy to grow at 7.4% in FY26 despite tariff heat

Govt's first advance estimate says services sector will drive growth

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

INDIA's economy is pressing ahead amid external challenges, including punitive US tariffs, with the GDP projected to grow at 7.4% in the current financial year (FY26), government data released on Wednesday showed.

The first advance estimate by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) pegged the GDP growth in FY26 at 7.4%, up from 6.5% in the previous year. It is also better than RBI's estimate of 7.3%, indicating the economy has not only surmounted the obstacles to growth but also emerged stronger.

The growth is propelled by the robust performance of the services sector, which saw a 9.1% growth in real gross value added (GVA). Within services, the financial, real estate & professional services and public administration, defence & other services segments recorded a remarkable 9.9% growth at constant prices, data showed.

Industrial sectors also performed better than expected with the manufacturing GVA in real terms growing at 7%, higher than 4.5% in the previous year. The secondary sector, comprising manufacturing and construction, is estimated to grow at 6.6% compared to 6.1% in the previous year, indicating steady industrial activity.

The primary sector—agriculture and mining—showed moderation, with growth at 2.7% in real GVA terms compared to 4.4% last year.

On the expenditure side, private consumption is expected to grow at 7% compared to 7.2% in the previous year. Investment, as reflected in gross fixed capital formation, is estimated to rise 7.8% compared to 7.1%.

"India's growth momentum has sustained despite elevated global uncertainty due to tariff tensions, riding on accommodative monetary and fiscal policies, robust corporate balance sheets, and favourable developments such as above-normal monsoons and low crude oil prices," said Dharmakirti Joshi, chief economist, Crisil.

Meanwhile, nominal GDP is projected to grow at 8% in FY26, reaching ₹357.14 lakh crore. This is lower than the budget estimate of 10.1%. "The lower nominal GDP growth has implications for GoI's gross tax revenues (GTR). In the first eight months of the current fiscal, the realised growth of GTR was 3.34%. The relatively lower nominal growth combined with a relatively lower than budgeted buoyancy of 1.07 over the revised estimates of 2024-25 may result in lower revenue in 2025-26 than the budget estimates," said D K Srivastava, chief policy advisor, EY India.

MoSPI said a revision of the national accounts base year from 2011-12 to 2022-23 is underway, which may lead to updates in subsequent estimates.

The second advance estimates for FY26 will be released on February 27, 2026.

Unholy Maha micro pacts embarrass BJP, Cong

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI
@ Mumbai

UNHOLY micro level political alignments became a major talking point after Maharashtra's recent local body polls, embarrassing the BJP and the Congress leaderships.

At the Akot Nagar Parishad, the BJP joined hands with Owaisi's AIMIM to cut the Congress and Prakash Ambedkar's party out of the power matrix. In Ambernath, the BJP did a deal with the Congress to keep its NDA partner Shiv Sena led by Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde out of power.

In Ambarnath, Shinde's Sena was the single largest party with 23 councilors, BJP followed with 14, Congress had 12 and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's NCP 4. Yet, BJP's Tejshashree Karanjule got elected as president because of the opportunistic alliance called Ambarnath Vikas Aghadi. The local BJP unit defended it, saying it was against the corrupt Sena, which was running Ambarnath for 20 years.

Akot, too, threw up a hung house with the BJP on 11, Congress 6, AIMIM 5 among others. The BJP formed the Akot Vikas Manch with the support of 23 councilors, including AIMIM.

After public outcry, state BJP president Ravindra Chavan issued the show cause notice to its Akot unit. As for the Congress, it expelled its 12 corporators in Ambarnath and dissolved the local unit.

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EXPRESS READ

3 workers die, 5 hurt in B'gavi boiler accident

BELAGAVI: A tragic industrial accident at Inamdar Sugar Factory near Marakumbi in Belagavi district killed three workers and left five others injured on Wednesday. The incident occurred during repair work on a 40-foot-high vessel used for boiling cane juice. Eyewitnesses said the workers screamed in agony as the scalding water fell on them P6

Kogilu mess: FIR filed against 4

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

IN the latest development related to the contentious land at Kogilu, a first information report (FIR) has been registered at the Yelahanka police station against four persons for allegedly collecting money and let families build houses illegally at Kogilu village on Survey Number 99. Two of the accused are Muni Anjinappa, and Robin, while two others, Waseem Ulla Baig and Vijay, were arrested, said DCP Northeast GK Mithun Kumar.

The FIR was registered based on a complaint filed by Santosh Kaddi, a senior engineer with the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) on January 4. The complaint mentions that the government land was sold fraudulently and unauthorised construction of houses was facilitated at Fakeer Layout in Kogilu, which is in the Bengaluru North City Corporation limits.

The complaint stated that the land, measuring 14.36 acre, was transferred to the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in 2015. The civic body wanted to put up a bio-methanisation plant, animal rendering unit, sanitary waste unit and waste processing units. CONTINUED ON P2

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• Nakshatra: Purvaphalguni 4.10 pm • Moon in Kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00pm
• Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 14°C | MAX 24°C
FORECAST
Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise 06.44 am
Sunset 06.08 pm
Moonrise 10.51 pm
Moonset 10.32 am

KOGILU DEMOLITION

IN HC, EVICTEES CLAIM THEY LIVED IN KOGILU FOR 28 YEARS

State govt counters claims with satellite images to show when the houses were built

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

REJECTING the contention of some resident-petitioners that they had been residing for the past 28 years in Kogilu Layout in the city, the state government on Wednesday informed the Karnataka High Court that it has satellite images to show when each of the houses was built at the illegally formed Fakeer and Wasim colonies on government land in Kogilu.

Advocate-General (AG) K Shashikaran Shetty made this submission before the division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha, when it pointed out that the petitioners claim they have been residing in the colonies for 28 years. The AG further said this claim is factually incorrect and the state government has satellite images to show when the houses, which were recently demolished, were constructed.

The court was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Zaiba Tabassum, Rehana and Areefa Begum, who were among the residents evicted from Fakeer and Wasim colonies.

Denying the petitioners' claim that they were evicted without following due process of law and guidelines of the apex court on eviction, the AG submitted that the apex court judgment does not apply to the present case, and the land on which the petitioners had built houses was not a slum, but was initially used for quarrying and later as a landfill for the city's garbage.

When the court asked about providing temporary shelter to the displaced families, the AG submitted that the families were accommodated in temporary rehabilitation centres in three different areas, till further orders are passed by court. Food is supplied to them through Indira Canteens, and other basic amenities will also be provided, he told court.

Before this, counsel for the petitioners told the court that around 300 displaced families, comprising about 3,000 persons, need food and blankets, after the demolition on December 20.

Directing the state government to file its response within a week, and asking petitioners to file their reply to the government's response, the court adjourned further hearing till January 22. The petitioners have prayed to court to issue directions to provide rehabilitation and alternate accommodation to all the affected in accordance with law, and conduct a survey to identify all affected persons and their eligibility for rehabilitation.

The petitioners also sought directions to the state to provide in-situ rehabilitation or within 5km radius of the present location to enable affected persons to continue their livelihood, and also provide compensation for loss of homes, belongings and livelihood built over 30 years. The petitioners stated that the demolition has impacted over 350 children, and they endure inhuman conditions in makeshift tents, deprived of essential food, water, sanitation, education, and a safe environment.

A man breaks stones to prepare a makeshift home after the eviction drive at Kogilu, Bengaluru | KEVIN NASHON

> A thorough investigation will reveal whether there is a larger land-grabbing network behind this
>
> Official

Notice issued to one of the accused

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THE work order for an integrated waste processing plant was issued in 2023 and while conducting the site inspection, the officials found squatters.

It was then revealed that Vijay, Waseem, Muni Anjinappa, and Robin had allegedly taken money from people and helped them in constructing and maintaining the unauthorised houses. The complaint was based on statements by dwellers that they paid lakhs of rupees to the accused. BWSML said they had sent a notice to Waseem seeking his explanation for facilitating squatters. But Waseem had told *TNIE* that he did not receive any notice. BWSML said the accused may have shown the survey numbers of nearby areas and passed on Kogilu's waste dump sites to the poor dwellers. "A thorough investigation will reveal whether there is a larger land-grabbing network behind this," said an official.

Civil society says Congress govt failed to protect residents

FIR REGISTERED AGAINST CIVIL SOCIETY MEMBERS

Meanwhile, Yelahanka police have registered an FIR against members of civil society organisations for organising a public meeting at the demolished Kogilu site last week, allegedly in violation of directions to hold protests only at Freedom Park. The members claimed the offence is bailable and falls within the jurisdictional limits of the local police. They also maintained that they neither violated any directions nor raised slogans against the government. As per the FIR, Gowramma has been named as accused number one, followed by Manohar of Janapara Vedike, Muniyappa of Dalit Sangharshana Samiti, Isaac Amruthraj, and five others.

MOHAMMED YACOOB
@ Bengaluru

MEMBERS of civil society organisations on Wednesday criticised the ruling Congress for what they termed its mishandling of the Kogilu slum homes demolition issue, alleging that the government failed to effectively counter attempts to brand residents as illegal Bangladeshi migrants.

They claimed that while some right-wing groups and BJP leaders sought to portray the slum dwellers as illegal migrants, civil society organisations were more effective than the state government in countering the narrative with facts.

Lashing out at the ruling Congress, Gowramma, district secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), said hatred was being fuelled against the residents, with BJP leaders attempting to push a narrative that "illegal Bangladeshis may be residing there" and even demanding an NIA probe.

"Civil society groups countered these claims with facts and shared video content on social media. This helped expose those spreading a false narrative," she said.

Isaac Amruthraj of Slum Janara Sanghatane, an organisation working for the welfare of slum dwellers, said it was the responsibility of the Congress-led government to bust the hate campaign and give a firm response to attempts to stigmatise the Kogilu residents.

"If civil society members had not intervened, the dwellers would have been labelled illegal immigrants," he said, adding that the administration failed to protect vulnerable communities.

Drawing comparisons between the Kogilu demolition and flood-hit areas such as Belagavi and Sringeri, Nandini BK of Dudi Yojanara Vedike said the demolition amounted to a "human-made disaster".

"It is the government's responsibility to rehabilitate victims of both natural and human-made disasters. The Kogilu dwellers are genuine residents. More than 50 families have been living here for over 25 years and must be rehabilitated," she said.

BWSSB's pipeline work in Varthur Lake illegal: Activists

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REPRESENTATIVES of the Varthur & Bellandur Lakes Rejuvenation Initiative have alleged that Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is blatantly violating environmental laws. They said the water board is currently executing sewage pipeline works inside Varthur Lake boundary, without mandatory authorisation from the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and in clear violation of binding NGT guidelines, which strictly prohibit any construction or permanent infrastructure activity within lake beds and buffer zones.

"Despite repeated objections and explicit directions from local stakeholders to realign the pipeline outside the lake buffer zone, BWSSB has continued its operations within the lake area, causing irreversible ecological disturbance. Such actions directly undermine lake conservation efforts, groundwater recharge, flood mitigation, and biodiversity protection," the representatives said.

Varthur Lake is part of Bengaluru's interconnected lake system, and any disturbance in one lake has a cascading impact on downstream lakes, rajakaluves, and surrounding residential areas. They said unauthorised work within the lake threatens to worsen urban flooding, pollution, and public health risks.

They urged that all work inside Varthur Lake be stopped and approvals and clearances, if any, be disclosed publicly. They demanded that the sewage pipeline be rerouted outside the lake buffer zone, in strict compliance with NGT directions, and that responsibility and accountability be fixed on officials who permitted or ignored this illegal activity. "No agency, including BWSSB, is above the law.

Violations by public authorities are especially alarming, as they set a dangerous precedent for the destruction of Bengaluru's already fragile lake ecosystems," said a representative of the Varthur & Bellandur Lakes Rejuvenation Initiative.

They said in the absence of immediate corrective action, they would be constrained to initiate legal proceedings before the NGT and escalate the matter to all statutory oversight authorities.

EXPRESS READ

V-P releases book, says Srila Prabhupada's leadership rooted in values

Bengaluru: Vice-President of India CP Radhakrishnan released 'Sing, Dance and Lead', a book based on the leadership lessons of Srila Prabhupada, in New Delhi on Wednesday. This book is written by Dr Hindol Sengupta and published by Penguin Random House India. "The launch of 'Sing, Dance and Lead' marks a moment of reflection on leadership as a way of life, rooted in values, service, discipline and joy, rather than authority or power. This book draws on the extraordinary life of Srila Prabhupada, whose thoughts are not merely about changing the world but about transforming it. His leadership proves that nothing is too late -- only values and effort matter, as demonstrated by his historic journey at the age of 70," said Radhakrishnan. Srila Prabhupada is hailed as the inspiration for all spiritual, cultural and humanitarian projects and initiatives of Iskcon Bengaluru and Akshaya Patra. The book looks at the leadership of Srila Prabhupada and how his teachings and practices went far beyond the lessons they imparted. Union Minister of Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said, "Sing, Dance and Lead invites readers to re-examine leadership not merely as a skill, but as a way of life – rooted in responsibility, purpose, and moral clarity. The life of Srila Prabhupada stands among the most compelling leadership narratives of the modern age, demonstrating that leadership is driven by inner calling rather than authority or ambition." Iskcon President Bengaluru Madhu Pandit Dasa added, "This important book is a must-read for people of all ages, especially young aspiring leaders, offering insightful lessons to apply in their daily lives. It is a treasure of knowledge and wisdom that is more profound than management theories."

KIA gets solid waste management centre

Bengaluru: KIA inaugurated an in-house integrated solid waste management centre on Wednesday. It will allow the airport to process a maximum of 77 tonnes of waste, both organic and inorganic, per day. According to Bangalore International Airport Limited, the airport generates around 25 tonnes of solid waste per day. The waste management system is poised to eliminate almost 98% of this waste, leaving around 2% for landfill disposal. Up to 50 tonnes per day of organic waste can be treated with biomethanation technology and converted into compressed biogas, and 27 tonnes of inorganic waste can be processed through segregation systems that can scan recyclable remnants as well.

SEAT-BLOCKING

Parent alleges cheating by city school, FIR registered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A parent who attempted to admit her daughter to Euro School on Gunjur Road in Anekal taluk has alleged that she was cheated by the school management after paying Rs 26,000 to block a seat for the child.

According to the complaint, the parent later learnt from education department officials that the school did not have permission to construct the building. The parent later filed a complaint at the Sarjapur police station against Euro School for allegedly cheating her, claiming that the campus was under construction and would be started in the current academic year.

The complainant, Indu P, told *TNIE*, "Euro School is a well-known brand and we trusted it. Therefore, we did not check the background and blocked a seat for our child. My child is in Grade 2 and we paid Rs 26,000 in November 2025. However, there has been no communication from the school management so far. We later learnt from officials that no permission has been granted for the construction."

She added that the family is now forced to look for another school. "It is difficult to find one at this stage as most seats would have already been filled," she said. The school management and the principal, Arunika Sawhney, have been booked under provisions of the Karnataka Education Act, 1983, and Section 318 of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita.

The Block Education Officer was unavailable for comment.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

08th January : Anticipation and Lunar Oppositions
The tension of these lunar oppositions are not just about conflict, but about anticipation of it, which can be more stressful. Feelings and fears can start way before the experience does. Since our minds paint the scenes in advance, we can walk into whatever color we choose. Change your expectations even slightly and the reality you step into will change too.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Like attracts like. When you walk into a room, you'll gravitate toward people whose energy matches yours -- and they'll gravitate toward you. Expect quick connections, inside jokes with strangers and an easy sense of belonging.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
There's a paradox in creative energy. Self-expression doesn't drain you; it feeds you -- because the energy isn't coming (SET ITAL) from (END ITAL) you but (SET ITAL) through (END ITAL) you. Even though it looks like you're "giving out" energy, the act of self-expression actually replenishes you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
It feels unnatural to you to prioritize yourself, but do it anyway. Otherwise, you won't have anything to give. There's a lot of need around you, and you can help, but only if you put your own needs first so you're full and strong.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
When life feels too ordinary, but you don't have the means to upgrade your circumstances, you can still upgrade your attention. Ordinary things get interesting when you look at them from different angles. Curiosity is the cheapest form of reinvention.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Self-discovery is the theme. There's no sense worrying about saying, doing or dressing "wrong." Wrong compared to what? You're creating yourself as you go. And as actors and writers know, there are no mistakes in character creation, only choices.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
A future that looks exactly like today is the easiest to imagine, but also the least likely to occur. Life is always moving. So use today to tilt things in the direction you want. Even a 1-degree shift now can land you somewhere entirely new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Go where you're attracted and something interesting occurs. You'll discover new abilities in yourself. When there's nothing attractive around, leave. Seek more interesting environments to avoid letting these unrealized talents remain dormant inside you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Your filters are thinner today. You might share what you didn't intend to, but don't worry too much. This is the truth that could set you free, or at least teach you who is safe to tell the truth to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
We need different mirrors to know ourselves. A mirror can show you your face and a diary can show you your mind, but what can show you how others experience you? A truthful insight from an outside observer will help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You've leveled up your skills, and it's evident in the way you make quick work of a task that once intimidated you. And your confidence is so understated that you'll disarm people and bring them to your team.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
There's the way everyone does it, and the way that actually makes life easier. The second one takes a little figuring out, but once you're past the learning curve, it's smooth sailing: harder at first, easier ever-after.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Today you'll witness an inconspicuous kind of morality hiding inside ordinary choices. Evil can be understood simply as any decision that pulls you away from your values, while good is whatever moves you closer.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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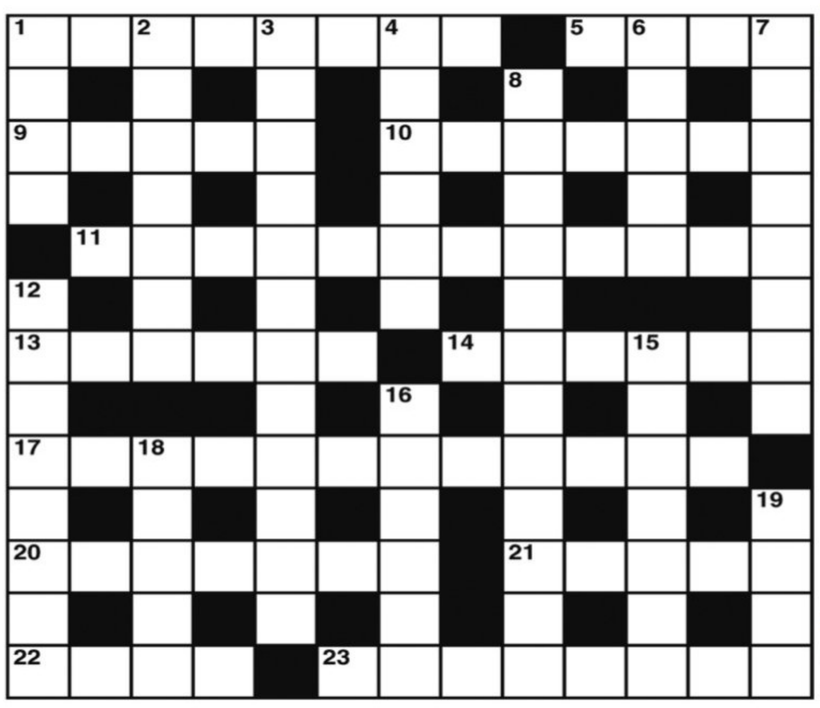

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 The French set about a bridge game (8)
5 Dandy about fifty is a failure (4)
9 She may not know many people well (5)
10 Steps taken by riders in point-to-point meeting (7)
11 The craft of the player (12)
13 A piano note wrongly recorded (2,4)
14 Dull and weighty field study (6)
17 Communist is hidden but is found again (12)
20 It's customary in Wellington for instance (7)
21 A sign to know in Scotland (5)
22 Gathered to be all right (4)
23 Girl shows discretion (8)

DOWN
1 Far-reaching desire (4)
2 Fruit ran short outside (7)
3 Films and some film stars may suffer from it (12)
4 Head dancer? (6)
6 Bloodsucking profiteer (5)
7 Act in an off-putting way (8)
8 Newly formed unit resented being unconcerned (12)
12 Left in error? (3,5)
15 One's kid supplies supple leather (7)
16 Common non-U tree (6)
18 Animal doing wrong (5)
19 A small number turned up at church in times past (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Diligence, 8 Rabbi, 9 Sausage, 10 Estate, 11 Let rip, 12 Overcast, 15 Patience, 18 Cocoon, 20 Expert, 21 Diaries, 22 Refer, 23 Exonerate.

Down: 2 Image, 3 Insert, 4 Egg spoon, 5 Eraser, 6 Abraham, 7 Direction, 11 Leap years, 13 Election, 14 Stop off, 16 Encore, 17 Scorer, 19 Overt.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

ROGUD

FOPOR

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THE LESS ITEMS
The next checkout is open.
I thought this would be quicker.
C'mon, the game's going to start.
THE GROCERY STORE CUSTOMERS WAITING TO PAY FOR ITEMS FORMED A ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WOUND BLAZE ADJUST ZIPPER
Answer: The queen bee's speech to the colony included — BUZZWORDS

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SHIVAMOGGA-BHADRAVATHI URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A New Urban Push for Shivamogga - Bhadravathi

Backed by the state government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Minister of Urban Development & Town Planning, the SBUDA has rolled out an ambitious, multi-sector development roadmap aimed at transforming Shivamogga and Bhadravathi into well-planned, liveable and sustainable urban centres. Under the leadership of SBUDA chairman Sundaresh H S, the authority is implementing a series of projects spanning residential apartments, shopping malls, lake rejuvenation, parks and road connectivity. Together, these initiatives reflect a coordinated push by the state government and SBUDA to balance growth with ecology, heritage and quality of life, setting a long-term vision for inclusive urban development in the Malnad region.

Sundaresh H S steers SUDA's apartment drive

AROUND 1,000 FLATS IN TWO HIGH-TECH RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT COMPLEXES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT URAGADURU AND J H PATEL LAYOUT

The Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority (SBUDA) is scripting a new chapter in planned urban growth under the clear and focused vision of its chairman, Sundaresh H S. With an emphasis on inclusive housing, modern infrastructure and liveable urban spaces, Sundaresh has steered the authority towards projects that aim to meet the aspirations of a fast-growing Shivamogga and Bhadravathi.

One of the flagship initiatives is the construction of around 1,000 flats in two high-tech residential apartment complexes at Uragaduru and J H Patel Layout in Shivamogga. Conceived as self-contained urban communities, these projects reflect Sundaresh's push for organised housing that combines affordability with modern amenities. At Uragaduru, the proposed apartment complex will be developed on four acres, featuring an eight-floor structure with an estimated cost of Rs 235 crore. The second project at J H Patel Layout will come up on 1.28 acres at a cost of about Rs 50 crore. As per the plan formulated under the guidance of Sundaresh, both projects will offer separate blocks for 1BHK, 2BHK and 3BHK flats to cater to different income groups and family sizes.

True to the chairman's vision of holistic urban living, the apartment complexes will include ample parking space, swimming pools, party halls, commercial outlets, clubhouses, gyms, libraries, landscaped parks and dedicated children's play areas. Facilities such as round-the-clock security, organised parking and pet-friendly spaces have also been incorporated, reflecting a contemporary lifestyle approach promoted by the chairman. The pricing of flats is expected to range from Rs 18 lakh to Rs 65 lakh, making the project accessible to a wide section of citizens. These housing initiatives are part of a broader development roadmap to decongest urban areas, improve quality of life and ensure planned growth in Shivamogga and Bhadravathi. With these projects, Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority under the leadership of H S Sundaresh is positioning itself as a key driver of sustainable urban development in the Malnad region.

Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority has planned a layout on 30 acres at Gopishettikoppa on 50:50 partnership with farmers. Another layout will come up on 3 acres at Nidhige while J H Patel Badavane will have another layout on 1.28 acres of land.

Sundaresh H S
Chairman,
Shivamogga - Bhadravathi
Urban Development Authority

21 lakes, one green vision

The Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority has taken up an ambitious project to rejuvenate and develop 21 lakes across Shivamogga and Bhadravathi cities. With an estimated outlay of Rs 48 crore, the initiative is aimed at restoring urban water bodies, strengthening local ecology and creating sustainable public spaces for citizens.

Each lake will undergo comprehensive works, including bund strengthening to improve water retention, desilting to increase storage capacity, diversion of sewage to prevent contamination, and installation of eco-fencing to protect the water bodies. Walking paths, lighting, benches, landscaped parks and dedicated children's play areas with toys are also part of the plan, turning the lakes into vibrant community spaces.

Each lake will feature small islands to provide safe nesting and resting spaces for birds. The 21 lakes selected for development include those at **Devakatikoppa, Byranakoppa, Gejjenahalli, Anupinakatte, Channamumbapur, Harakere, Mandli, Basavanagangur, Srirampur, Malligenahalli, Alkola, Kashipur, Mattur and Bommanakatte** villages, among others. Several lakes in Bhadravathi taluk, including those at **Jannapur, Ujjanipura, Hirekere, Hosuru Siddapura (Thanda) and areas near Narasimha Swamy and Sangameshwara temples**, are also part of the project. Notably, the lakes at **Bommanakatte and Priyadarshini Layout** in Shivamogga will include a dedicated Kalyani for the immersion of Ganesh idols during the Ganapati festival.

New office building at Vajpayee Layout & Development of 5 Junctions

The Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority is constructing its new office building on one acre of land at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Layout in Shivamogga.

Sundaresh has proposed developing and beautifying key junctions-three in Shivamogga and two in Bhadravathi-with improved traffic flow, pedestrian facilities, landscaping, and lighting. A major cultural and riverfront project near Narasimha Swamy Temple along the Bhadra River in Bhadravathi, inspired by Kudalasangama, is estimated at Rs 5 crore. It includes a retaining wall, approach bridge, embankment protection, ornamental railings, a circular mantapa, landscaping, and stepped seating. Public infrastructure development features 50 parks with walking tracks, lighting, seating, and children's play areas, along with a new Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority office building at Rs 15 crore. City-wide greening and a 200-foot-wide outer ring road at Vajpayee Layout are also planned. Collectively, these projects reflect Sundaresh's vision for sustainable, balanced urban development.

SUDA plans 2 Shopping Malls, Development of 100 parks

Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority has developed 50 parks out of 100 identified. It has installed stone benches at parks and other public places. It is also constructing 20 auto-rickshaw stands across the city.

The Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority is expanding its urban renewal push with the construction of two hi-tech shopping malls, a move firmly rooted in the development vision of chairman Sundaresh H S. The proposed malls are aimed at strengthening the retail ecosystem while offering residents contemporary leisure and entertainment facilities within the city.

Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority has identified Vivekananda Badavane and J H Patel Badavane as strategic locations for the projects. The shopping mall at Vivekananda Badavane will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 25 crore, while the mall at J H Patel Badavane is proposed at a cost of Rs 10 crore. Both malls will be designed as multi-utility facilities. Each mall will house a range of retail outlets catering to daily needs and lifestyle brands, along with a dedicated food court. A key attraction will be multiplex theatres, including 3D screening facilities, aimed at providing a complete entertainment experience within the city limits. The malls will also feature gaming zones, ATM facilities and well-planned parking areas with ample space for two-wheelers and cars. In line with the chairman's focus on safety and inclusivity, the projects will include round-the-clock security, clean and accessible restrooms, elevators and escalators for smooth movement, and barrier-free access for persons with disabilities. Dedicated mother-care rooms and other citizen-friendly services are also part of the plan. According to officials, these commercial projects reflect Sundaresh's broader vision of creating vibrant urban spaces that blend commerce, recreation and convenience.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said that a cancer centre, trauma centre, and a super-speciality hospital will be established in Haveri district, which is known as the "Gateway to North Karnataka". He was speaking after inaugurating the newly constructed building of the Haveri Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS)

Became CM with people's blessings, satisfied with my governance: Siddu

Siddaramaiah hits out at Centre over tax devolution, says BJP leaders experts in telling lies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Haveri

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said that he became the CM with the blessings of the people and expressed satisfaction over his administration.

"To remain in politics, one must have the blessings of the people. With their blessings, I have come this far, and I will remain in politics as long as I continue to receive their support. Moreover, I am satisfied with my administration," Siddaramaiah told reporters in Haveri on Wednesday.

When asked if he will complete his full term, the CM left it to the decision of the Congress high command.

On the Centre's tax devolution, the Chief Minister said, "We pay taxes amounting to Rs 4.5 lakh crore, but what we get back is only Rs 60,000-Rs 70,000 crore. For every one rupee we give, we get back only 14 paise from the Centre. It did not give Rs 5,300 crore for the Bhadra Upper Canal project," he said, adding that the state could lose Rs 5,000 to Rs 6,000 crore with the reduction of the Goods and Service Tax (GST) rates for this year and could lose Rs 10,000 to Rs 12,000 crore yearly in the future.

Further claiming that injustice was being meted out to Karnataka by the Centre, the CM said, "The 15th Finance Commission had recommended providing Rs 5,495 crore to the state, but even that was not given. The Union Government did not give Rs 3,000 crore for the Peripheral Ring Road, nor Rs 3,000 crore for the development of Bengaluru lakes. It has given nothing".

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah being offered cake by Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar during the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of various development initiatives, in Haveri on Wednesday | EXPRESS

On BJP's criticism that Siddaramaiah's government has emptied the treasury, he said the saffron party leaders were experts at telling lies.

Responding to demands by Janardhan Reddy, Sriramulu, and others to hand over the Ballari firing case to the CBI, Siddaramaiah said that KPCC president DK Shivakumar visited the family of the deceased in Ballari on Tuesday and also held discussions. "The act of putting up a banner was provocative, which led to unrest in Ballari and resulted in the death of a person. BJP leaders were unable to tolerate their jealousy," he said.

Replying to a query about the incident in Hubballi involving a woman stripping, the CM said that when police went to arrest the woman, she herself stripped and bit women police personnel. "An FIR has been registered against her. When the police went for an inquiry, she bit them. There were more than 10 women police personnel present. No one should take the law into their own hands. Legal action will be taken against those who do so," he said.

The CM said that the Haveri Medical College has been completed at a cost of around Rs 500 crore. Siddaramaiah said that he had announced the college and inaugurated it as well. "Even though the BJP was in power for four years, it didn't complete the construction. The Congress completed it after coming to power," he said.

No neta indispensable, Priyank slams Rajanna

Hitting out at former minister KN Rajanna for his reported statement that "Congress is there if Siddaramaiah is there", RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge on Wednesday declared that no individual is indispensable for the Grand Old Party (GOP), which has a history of 140 years. "No one should make such statements. When you want a ticket, when you want power, you need a party, when you enjoy power and when you are enjoying it, you don't need a party," he said, firing salvos at Rajanna, a confidant of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

To a query on Siddaramaiah's statement that he will be CM for the full term, Priyank quipped that when Siddaramaiah himself had stated it, there was no need to respond to it. However, he clarified that the high command will decide on this issue."Congress is the only party that takes all communities together, both leadership and progress are not stagnant water... The high command is grooming the next generation and leadership," he said. Replying to a notice issued against him after a complaint was lodged for making statements against RSS, Priyank said he cannot not be bogged down by it. "I am not afraid of such threats from RSS, it is an unregistered organisation," he said.

Will Siddaramaiah get Rahul Gandhi's nod for reshuffle before budget?

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

DAYS after creating history by becoming the longest-serving CM of Karnataka, surpassing the record of D Devaraj Urs, Siddaramaiah now plans to consolidate his position further by carrying out a cabinet reshuffle exercise ahead of the state budget, informed sources told *The New Indian Express*.

According to sources, the CM has sought the appointment of the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha **Rahul Gandhi** for January 13 to discuss the matter. Siddaramaiah is said to have also discussed the issue with AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal, a close aide of Rahul. It is to be seen whether Rahul will give his nod for the reshuffle before the budget session or after. If not a reshuffle, Siddaramaiah at least wants to expand his cabinet by filling the two vacancies, added a party insider.

But ministerial aspirants such as the Chief Whip in the Legislative Council, Saleem Ahmed, reiterated that the process for a reshuffle would commence after January 10.

"If Rahul gives his nod for the reshuffle, it signals that Siddaramaiah's leadership is undeterred even as DCM DK Shivakumar's camp insists on a change," an MLA told The New Indian Express.

Meanwhile, the Shivakumar camp has also started taking positions, as they did last November, that necessitated the intervention of the party high command. Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar hosted each other for breakfast following the instruction of the Congress high command, and to some extent the issue of change in leadership was also resolved then, observed a Congress leader. It is to be seen whether the Shivakumar camp resorts to a similar strategy to exert pressure on the party high command this time around by visiting Delhi, the Congress leader added. The Siddaramaiah camp is upbeat over their leader breaking URS' record, batting for his continuation as the CM.

Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan on Wednesday said that Siddaramaiah will continue as CM. The CM's economic advisor, Basavaraja Rayaraddi, wished that Siddaramaiah should continue to deliver the goods to the people of the state.

This 'Siddu Grama' in Gadag dist celebrates CM's every feat

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

EVERY achievement of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah calls for special celebrations in Timmapur village of Gadag district. It was no different on Tuesday when Siddaramaiah created a record of being the longest-serving chief minister of the state surpassing Devaraj Urs.

The villagers organised pujas at all temples of the village and distributed sweets to all. It is not for nothing that Timmapur is called the Siddaramaiah Grama, as almost all residents here are fans of the CM.

When Siddaramaiah became CM in 2013 and 2023, the whole village celebrated and performed pujas at all temples. There is a reason for this exhilaration as there is a sense of gratitude among villagers for Siddaramaiah. He first visited the village in the 1990s when he contested parliamentary elections from the Koppal constituency. He listened to their woes and worked hard to address them. It so happens that the majority of villagers here are from the Kuruba community, to which Siddaramaiah too belongs. The bonding was instant and it has sustained through the decades. When the villagers were struggling without jobs in 2013 and migration to cities had become a common phenomenon, Siddaramaiah provided them with jobs through various government-sponsored schemes. He also ensured electricity and piped water connections to all homes. In February last year, a group of villagers carried a photograph of Siddaramaiah to Prayagraj and performed an abhisheka, praying for his continuation as CM.

Yellappa Babari, a Timmapur resident, said, "There are many reasons behind calling this village Siddaramaiah Gram. It started when those from neighbouring villages started making fun of us for being staunch supporters and fans of Siddaramaiah. The tag stuck, though it is not the official name of our village."

Residents of Timmapur in Gadag district perform a special puja and celebrate Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's record innings as CM | EXPRESS

POLITICAL THEATRE

BJP MLA Ramamurthy claims his social media account hacked

BENGALURU: Screenshots of a series of messages allegedly sent to an unknown woman from the Instagram handle of Jayanagar MLA CK Ramamurthy of the BJP went viral on social media on Wednesday. Later, the MLA claimed that his phone and social media account had been hacked and filed a complaint. Speaking to reporters, MLA Ramamurthy said that after winning the election, the Congress has been targeting him on social media. He added that his Facebook account had also been hacked earlier and that money was demanded from him."There are fake accounts operating in my name and trying to tarnish my image," he said, adding that he has filed a complaint with the South Division Cyber Crime Police station regarding the hacking.

Govt sends hate speech Bill, 15 others to Guv for his assent

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Government has sent as many as 16 Bills passed in the winter session of the Karnataka joint legislature, including The Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2025, to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot for his assent on December 30, 2025.

Guv returns controversial KTCDA bill. The Governor has returned The Karnataka Conservation Development (Amendment) Bill, 2025. It was passed during the previous session amid din with members raising concerns about the reduction of the buffer zones of the water bodies based on their sizes.

Cong appoints DKS, George as observers for Assam, Kerala polls

BENGALURU: AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge has appointed Karnataka Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, also KPCC president, as the party's observer for the elections to Assam Assembly slated to be held in March/April. Besides Shivakumar, former Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel and Congress leader Bandhu Tirkey have been appointed as observers for Assam. AICC General Secretary and Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was recently appointed as the chairperson of the screening committee to select Congress candidates for the 126 Assembly seats in Assam. For Kerala, the Congress has appointed Karnataka Energy Minister KJ George as the observer for the polls likely to be held in April. Sachin Pilot, Imran Pratapgarhi and Kanhaiya Kumar have also been appointed as observers. Veteran Congress leader Madhusudan Mistry is the screening committee chief to select the candidates in Kerala.

BJP gearing up for local body elections, says Yediyurappa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BJP Central Parliamentary Board member and former chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday said that his party is preparing for elections to local bodies in the state.

Addressing reporters here, Yediyurappa said with the objective of strengthening the party organisation, the state unit president and senior leaders have started holding district-level meetings. "BJP's aim is to ensure the victory of its candidates by highlighting the Congress government's misrule in the state," he added.

On Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's record (breaking Devaraj Urs') as the longest serving chief minister, Yediyurappa said the governance style of Urs was different and it can't be compared with that of Siddaramaiah. He alleged that the government headed by Siddaramaiah is corrupt. BJP's aim is to return to power in the state with absolute majority in the next assembly elections. "Our party workers are working hard. BJP will emerge victorious in the local body elections in the coming days," he said.

Vijayendra condemns Hubballi incident

BJP state president BY Vijayendra demanded that Home Minister G Parameshwara suspend police officers and constables responsible for the incident where a BJP Dalit woman worker was allegedly stripped and assaulted.

He told reporters that the incident is a black mark on Karnataka. He said during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign in Hubballi, local Congress corporator Sunanda allegedly assaulted some BJP workers and later got FIRs registered against them. Without understanding the background, the police officers allegedly acted at the behest of Congress leaders and arrested the BJP workers. When the Dalit woman worker from the party and her family members were being taken into custody, she was allegedly stripped and assaulted, he said.

BJP condemns this incident. "In Karnataka, police stations have been turned into Congress offices. The police are behaving like Congress agents, he further alleged.

BJP netas from Mandya want no tie-up with JDS

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BJP leaders from Mandya district have openly advised the party against any alliance with JDS in the upcoming local body elections, firing the first public shots after former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda declared that his party would go solo at the grassroots level.

Leading the charge, former minister KC Narayana Gowda told *TNIE*, "JDS leader HD Deve Gowda said his party will go alone in the local body elections and so we are only responding to that.'' BJP had earlier accused JDS of ingratitude after BJP sacrificed its claim to the Mandya Lok Sabha seat that led to HD Kumaraswamy's victory.

Narayana Gowda is a former JDS MLA who joined BJP along with other MLAs. The switching of parties had then brought down the coalition government of JDS and Congress, when Kumaraswamy was CM.

Former MP and BJP leader Sumalatha Ambareesh joined the chorus, saying there has been "no clarity" on ties between the two parties after Gowda's announcement on going solo. But at the same time, she said she would abide by the high command's decision.

The revolt exposes a strain in the NDA partnership.

COURTESY CALL

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar in conversation with Sri Sadasiva Mahaswamiji of Hukkeri Mutt in Haveri on Wednesday | PIC: X

Congress leaders oppose CBI probe into Ballari firing incident

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CONGRESS leaders have resisted the demand from the opposition BJP and JDS to hand over the investigation into the firing in Ballari which resulted in the death of a Congress worker to the CBI.

Congress MLA Kunigal HD Ranganath rejected it saying CBI is under the control of the Union Government. RDPR and IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge said, "The then Chief Secretary Rajneesh Goel had received a letter from the CBI asking for inspectors and sub-inspectors and even furniture like tables to be given to them. If the State Government is providing officials — inspectors and sub-inspectors and other staff, then who is really conducting the investigation? Is it not our own police? Why do we need the CBI to investigate? Aren't our police competent enough," he asked.

The clashes in Ballari erupted on January 1 over a dispute involving banners ahead of a Maharshi Valmiki statue unveiling near the residence of BJP MLA Gali Janardhan Reddy. Clashes between supporters of Congress MLA Nara Bharath Reddy and BJP leaders led to stone-throwing and firing shots from a gun that claimed the life of Congress worker Rajashekar Reddy.

Now, K'taka govt shunts out Ballari Range DIG

Days after suspending the SP of Ballari district in connection with the firing incident that claimed the life of a Congress worker, the Karnataka government has also shunted out the Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) of Ballari Range, Vartika Katiyar. The government posted PS Harsha as the Inspector General of Police (IGP) of the Ballari Range. It also appointed Suman D Pennakar, who was serving as Deputy Commissioner of Police, Intelligence, Bengaluru, as the new SP of the district. Katiyar has been posted as DIGP, Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (DCRE).

A four-year-old leopard was found dead on the Bengaluru-Hassan road near Gulasinda village in Channarayapatna taluk in the early hours of Tuesday. Forest officials said the animal was hit by an unknown speeding vehicle while crossing the road

IN KANAKAPURA

63 LAYOUTS & 28 PGs ILLEGAL: UPA LOKAYUKTA

Suo motu case filed against officials; Justice Phaneendra visited area on Dec 20

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UPA Lokayukta Justice KN Phaneendra's surprise visit to Kanakapura taluk revealed there are 63 illegal layouts and 28 paying guest (PGs) accommodations within Kanakapura Planning Authority (KPA) limits in Bengaluru South district.

As allowing illegal layouts and PGs amounts to maladministration under the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, the Upa Lokayukta registered a suo motu case against Kedar Sidgiddi, Assistant Director of KPA; Shwetha Bai, Chief Officer of Harohalli Town Panchayat; Munimaregowda, Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) of Kallahalli Grama Panchayat, and Nandish, Assistant Director of Land Records of Kanakapura taluk.

The Upa Lokayukta, who visited Kanakapura taluk on December 20, sought explanations by January 28 from the Commissioner, Bengaluru Metropolitan Region Development Authority, BR Harsha, Member Secretary, KPA, and Deputy CM and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar.

The Upa Lokayukta noted that allowing illegal layouts and PGs is a clear violation of provisions of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961. The authorities against whom the complaint is registered have failed to prevent it.

Taking note that the task force was constituted in 2024 to prevent illegal buildings or layouts, the Upa Lokayukta sought details of action taken to prevent such structures from the year of establishment of KPA in 2001 to 2024. This was after he was informed by the KPA member secretary that they had written to the Urban Development Department and BMRDA to take action against the illegal layouts.

The Upa Lokayukta also pointed out that KPA staff have not maintained a cash declaration register, and not entered cash in the register before entering and exiting the office, as per law, which amounts to dereliction of duty.

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—Upa Lokayukta

CLOSE CONTEST

Indian top-seeded tennis player Sumit Nagal discusses a point with the referee during the match against Frenchman Harold Mayot in the second round of the Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger 125 at the SM Krishna Stadium in Bengaluru on Wednesday. He lost seven match points to go down 7(7)-6(2), 1-6, 7(13)-6(11) | VINOD KUMAR T

VIRAL INFECTIONS

ICMR conducts surveillance every week to assess mutations

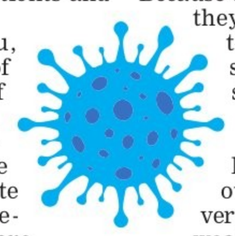
BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH the rise in viral infection cases, the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) is conducting weekly surveillance of viral loads to assess mutations.

According to doctors and virologists, viral infections peak with the onset of winter in north India and changing weather conditions in the south. They stressed the need for sequencing mutations, which is not being done.

An official from ICMR told TNIE that an assessment is being done where cases are high and what medical help has to be provided. Due to the large population and constant virus mutation, detailed studies are not practical. But the assessment reports will now help in taking up focused mutation studies.

A virologist from NIMHANS said, "This is the peak season for virus mutation, ICMR should have continued with sequencing post-pandemic. It has slowed down or nearly stopped. Virologists from across the country should be networked for continuous sequencing and assessment to understand mutations and help patients and doctors."



Dr Asima Banu, professor and head of the Department of Microbiology and principal of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI), said sequencing studies are being done for medical purposes or on ICMR directions. As a routine exercise, screening is not done, it can be done provided sufficient kits are available.

Dr V Ravi, virologist, said ICMR is doing weekly sequencing. Flu viruses are mutating very fast and there is a need to understand them as the weather is conducive for them to mutate.

Referring to the practical problem, Dr P Radhakrishnan, physician, said patients develop immunity to one variant. Because of constant mutation, they become vulnerable to new ones. A close assessment this season showed patients with different viral symptoms. Some had prolonged coughs, while others suffered from fever or running nose and weak bones. Diagnosing the exact cause is making treatment challenging, he added.

Members of the Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA) said they hold regular meetings on actions to be taken in the future.

CRIME PATROL

5-yr-old girl killed, mom critical after suicide attempt

Bengaluru: A tragic incident unfolded on Monday, when a five-year-old girl died, and her mother is fighting for her life following an alleged suicide attempt. Police said Nirutha (26), a domestic help, and her husband Kishan, a security guard, frequently fought after Kishan suspected his wife of having an illicit relationship. On Monday night, Kishan found his daughter dead, and his wife hanging at their residence and rushed her to a nearby hospital. The child was declared dead on arrival, while Nirutha remains in critical condition. Hennur police have registered a case. **ENS**

Biker loses hand after superbike hits divider

Bengaluru: A 19-year-old biker's left hand was severed, and the pillion rider sustained injuries after the rider lost control of the speeding superbike and rammed a road divider grill. The incident occurred near Devasandra signal on New BEL Road in Sanjaynagar traffic police station limits on Tuesday. Both the injured are students. According to police, around 12.20pm Tuesday, Austin Ashok Kumar (19), a resident of Basaveshwara Layout, was riding the bike with his friend Charan (20) from RMV Club towards Devasandra signal when the accident took place. **ENS**

2 arrested for smuggling ganja into jail

Shivamogga: Two men were arrested after jail officials allegedly found ganja concealed in their trousers when they came to meet an inmate at the Central Jail here on Sunday, according to a police complaint. The arrests were made within the Tunga Nagar police station limits. The suspects were Mohammed Akbar (22) and Azgar Ali (21). The two arrived at the Central Jail to visit prisoner Syed Wasim. During security checks, staff detected ganja hidden inside their trousers. Officers took the youth into custody. The seized ganja has been taken into possession as evidence. **ENS**

Engg grad jumps from 16th floor of apartment, dies

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A 26-year-old engineering graduate suffering from mental health issues ended his life after jumping from the 16th floor of an apartment building in the Bagalgunte police station limits on Wednesday, around 8 am.

The deceased Nikshep Bangera was a native of Mangaluru. He had studied electronic engineering in Europe and later moved to Bengaluru, where he was staying with his parents at Prince Town Apartment in Shettihalli. Two days earlier, Nikshep had visited a mutt on Hesaraghatta Road. On Wednesday, after returning to the apartment complex, he did not go to his residence. Instead, he went to the 16th floor of the building and jumped. Apartment security personnel alerted his parents and the police. His parents informed the police that he had been suffering from schizophrenia and was also battling severe depression.

HELPLINE: If you are having suicidal thoughts, help is available anytime for you or your friends. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas -14416 (24x7) or call, Tata- 02225521111 (Monday-Saturday 8 am-10 pm)

FORM NO. 19
NOTICE FOR APPEARANCE PETITIONS RULES 1, 2, 4 AND 11 OF CHAPTER XIII (KARNATAKA HIGH COURT RULES)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the Respondent vide Court Order dated 11.12.2025
CRP NO. 710/2025
BETWEEN : M/S NEPHONINE SOLUTIONS PVT LTD Rep. by Mr. Abhinav Shrivastava, Director, Having its Registered Office at 7-B, Jankinagar, Chuna Bhatti Kolar Road, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462016.
Having Regional Office at 4th Floor, 376, Trinity Square, 14th B Cross, 5th Main Road, Sector 6, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102.
...PETITIONER
(Sri. Prateek Rath, Abhijeet Singh Rathore, Advocates for Petitioner)
AND : MS. AISHWARYA CHATURVEDI D/o Mr Sandeep Chaturvedi, Aged about 30 years, R/at Second Floor S-1, 309/34/47, 27th Main Road, ITI Layout, Sector 7, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102. **...RESPONDENT**
To : RESPONDENT NO.1
MS. AISHWARYA CHATURVEDI D/o Mr Sandeep Chaturvedi, Aged about 30 years, R/at Second Floor S-1, 309/34/47, 27th Main Road, ITI Layout, Sector 7, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102.
CRP filed under section 18 of Small Causes Court Act, against the Judgment dated 08.07.2025 passed in SC. No. 564/2023 on the file of the XVIII Additional Judge and ACJM, Court of Small Causes Bengaluru, partly decreeing the suit for recovery of money.
Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court in person or through an advocate duly instructed or through someone authorized by law to act for you in the **CRP No. 710/2025 on 20.01.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** on which date the case will be posted for orders/hearing, in case you intend to contest the **CRP.** If you fail to appear the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.
Issued under my hand and the seal of the court, this the 16th day of December 2025.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Original Application No. 522/2022
BETWEEN: CANARA BANK ... APPLICANT
AND: SRI. NAGESH .L.M & OTHERS ... **DEFENDANTS**
SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993
To, **1. Sri. Nagesh .L.M**, S/o Sri. Muninanjappa, aged about 51 years
2. Sri. Devaraj .M, S/o Sri. Marappa, aged about 46 years
3. Sri. Bachegowda, S/o Late. Munnegowda, aged about 67 years, All are residing at Dayavarahalli Village, Jalige Post, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk-562110
Whereas, an Application which has been filed by the Applicant above named under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, praying to issue a Recovery Certificate against you to repay the Applicant Bank a sum of Rs. 56,07,709.22 (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Nine and Twenty Two Paisa Only), with respect of the Account No. 0474883000003, along with future interest @13% per Annum and in additional penal interest of 2% per annum, from 02.12.2021 till the date of realization; together with interest at the contracted rate and also future interests, has been registered by this Tribunal.
You are directed to appear before the DRT II, Bangalore on **19.01.2026** at **11:00 A.M.**, in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take Notice that in case of default, the Application will he heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 19/12/2025
By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore.

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DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SEC.13 (2) READ WITH SEC.13 (3) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrower with in the branch mentioned herein below- classified as NPA We have to inform that you the following borrower whose name and address and the name of the branch where you have availed the credit facilities offering the property mentioned herein below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to, each of you demanding the due amount, Same notice returned hence this notice.
Name and Address of the Borrower : 1.The Borrower/Co-Applicant: (a) Mr. Siva Sankara Senthil Kumar S/o Chandra Sekaran, (b) Mrs.Gomathi (Co-Applicant), W/o, Siva Sankara Senthil Kumar, Both are residing at: No 10/A, 2nd Cross, Gullappa Road, R S Palya, Kammanahalli, MS Nagar, Bengaluru –560033.
A/c No.: Housing Loan 195330100010712, Amount outstanding: As on **08.12.2025** a sum of **Rs. 82,79,270.00 (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Only)** is outstanding in your account/s.
Demand Notice: 08.12.2025 **NPA Date : 29.11.2025**
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : Mortgage of immovable property described herein below: **(Schedule 'A')** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Corporation No. 8, situated in 1st Main Road, Chikka Banaswadi Main Road, in Corporation Ward No. 84, Benniganahalli (PID No. 84-9-8) Bangalore, and bounded on the: **East By:** Private Property, **West By:** Private Property, **North By:** Road, **South By:** Private Property Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 70 Feet, in total 2,800 Sq. Ft.
Schedule 'B' (Property hereby conveyed to the Purchaser) An undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property i.e., 400 Sq. Feet.
Schedule 'C': Apartment bearing Flat No. 101, in the First Floor, building known as "SILVER DALE" constructed in the Schedule A Property, situated at : 1st Main Road, Chikka Banaswadi Main Road, in Corporation Ward No. 84, Benniganahalli (PID No. 84-9-8) Bangalore, with a super built up area of 1640 Square feet with undivided share of right title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property, i.e., 400 sq feet with One Car Parking space in the stilt floor, in common use. The Flat has one Hall, Three Bed Rooms, with attached bathrooms, kitchen, with RCC roofing and Vitrified flooring, doors with wooden frames with flush shutters and windows with aluminium frames with glass shutters.
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Date: 06.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Union Bank of India**

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- **DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 02.12.2025 to 10.01.2026#.**

#Extension granted from 23.12.2025 to 10.01.2026
Place: Mumbai
Date: 31.12.2025 **General Manager (RP & PM)**

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Back Office, 1st Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal, Hayes Road, Residency Rd, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560025
Public Notice
The general public is hereby notified that the possession notice under section 13/4 of SARFAESI Act 2002 with respect to loan account no. 400000000031 of M/s Global Developers dated 16/09/2025 and 20/12/2025 stands withdrawn without Prejudice to the act of LICHFL to proceed under due course of law for further recovery actions.
Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Date : 08.01.2026 **L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, Bangalore**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BANGALORE
4th Floor BSNL Building, Near Cubbon Park Metro, Bengaluru-560001.
O.A.No. 395/2022
BETWEEN
State Bank of India APPLICANT
AND
Smt. Anjali Manaktala Rohan Talwar and Shri. Rohan Talwar Navin Talwar RESPONDENT
SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(VII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
TO,
1. Smt Anjali Manaktala Rohan
Flat No.S04 2nd Floor, Sai Krupa Vestaa Homes Sy. No. 16/2, Halanayakanahalli Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru 560035.
2. Shri Rohan Talwar Navin Talwar
Flat No S-04, 2nd Floor SaiKrupa Vestaa Homes Sy. No. 16/2 Halanayakanahalli Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru 560035.
WHEREAS the applicant herein has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you before this Hon'ble Tribunal for recovery of a sum of Rs. 89,08,492/- (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakhs Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two only) with respects to A/c No.64190710583 as on 28.03.2022 together with current and Future interest at the rate of 7.40 p.a% with monthly rests and penal interest at the rate of 2% p.a., and from 29.03.2022 till the date of payment / realization in full;
You are hereby requested to Show Cause in this Tribunal personally or by a pleader/ advocate duly instructed within 30 days or on 30/01/2026 at 10.30 A.M as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 15.12.2025
SEAL
OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BANGALORE

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KIIT COUNTRY'S 5TH BEST UNIVERSITY IN ATTRACTING FOREIGN STUDENTS

NITI Aayog Report on the Internationalisation of Higher Education in India

Odisha is steadily emerging as a preferred hub for foreign students pursuing higher education. According to a recently published NITI Aayog report, the number of international students enrolling in various universities and higher educational institutions across Odisha has been consistently increasing. As per the NITI Aayog report on the internationalisation of higher education in India, during the 2021–22 academic year, Odisha recorded the highest inflow of foreign students for higher studies.

The NITI Aayog report provides detailed information on the number of students studying in different states of India and the growth trends. Encouragingly, the number of foreign students in Odisha has risen. Odisha also figures among the top 10 states in India in terms of attracting international students. Among the eastern states of the country, Odisha ranks first; and KIIT stands at fifth place nationally in attracting foreign students. The report further states that despite the potential of metropolis like Kolkata and Hyderabad, Odisha has more foreign students pursuing education than West Bengal, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh. It has been possible only because of KIIT, which has nearly 2000 foreign students enrolled in various courses.

Importantly, according to the NITI Aayog report, while a total of 2,362 foreign students are studying across various educational institutions in eastern India, nearly 2,000 of them are studying at KIIT alone. Students from over 70 countries across the world are pursuing education at KIIT, with the number of international students exceeding 2,000. In India, there are five private universities that have the highest number of foreign students. Among them, KIIT is ranked 5th.

So far, about 5,000 students have already passed out from KIIT, while nearly 2,000 are pursuing education here. Although Bhubaneswar is a Tier-2 city and does not yet have extensive international flight connectivity, KIIT continues to attract foreign students due to its reputation for quality education and the wide range of facilities and opportunities provided to students.

Under the Government of India's New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, institutions and states that attract a higher number of foreign students are accorded greater importance and recognition.

Intellectual and academicians have lauded the vision of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, for creating numerous opportunities for international students to pursue education at KIIT. "In 2012, there were merely 12 foreign students enrolled in Odisha, currently, KIIT has over 2,000 international students", they stated.

Dr. Samanta said that the number of foreign students at KIIT will increase in the coming academic year. The educational infrastructure, learning environment, beautification, greenery, and especially sports infrastructure, among other factors, have become the focal point of attraction for foreign students at KIIT, he added.

- KIIT ranks 5th nationally among private universities in attracting foreign students, hosting nearly 2,000 international students from over 70 countries, as per the NITI Aayog report.
- Odisha emerges as the top destination in eastern India for international students, with KIIT accounting for the majority of foreign enrolments, surpassing states like West Bengal, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh.
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As many as 83 delegates from Karnataka left for Delhi to participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2026 and the second edition of the National Youth Festival, organised by MY Bharat (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India). The joint event will be held at Bharat Mandapam from January 9 to 12

KBADA Secretary Prakash V Mattihalli and members meet Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar on Wednesday

Malayalam Bill: Assn seeks review by Kerala governor

Concern over 1st language in border schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

A delegation from Karnataka Border Area Development Authority (KBADA) met Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar on Wednesday and submitted a memorandum urging him to halt and review the proposed Malayalam Language Bill 2025, citing concerns over its impact on Kannada-speaking minorities in the border district of Kasaragod.

In the memorandum, KBADA secretary Prakash V Mattihalli expressed strong opposition to the Bill recently passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly. The delegation said that a similar Bill was rejected by the President in 2017. The proposed Bill is unconstitutional and detrimental to the interests of a large Kannada-speaking population in Kasaragod district.

They expressed concern over Section 2(6) of the Bill, which mandates Malayalam as the first language from Classes 1 to 10 in government and private schools, including Kannada-medium ones. Members of the delegation said that in linguistically convenient areas such as Kasaragod, students now study Kannada as their first language and opt for languages such as Hindi, Sanskrit or Urdu as their second language, a choice that would be scrapped if the Bill is implemented. Among the key demands placed are mandatory appointment of Kannada teachers to Kannada-medium schools, installation of Kannada signboards in police stations, railway stations and along national highways in Kasaragod, use of Kannada in government offices in the district, and recruitment to vacant posts in local government offices based on the population of linguistic minorities.

KBADA members Subbaiahkatte, Tekekere Shankaranarayana Bhat, Kerala Kannada Sahitya Parishat president Jayaprakash Narayana Tottetodu, advocate Muralidhara Ballukaray, and Kerala Pradesh Teachers' Association president Sukesh A urged the governor to reject or return the Bill for reconsideration.Mattihalli said the governor assured the delegation that the Bill has been withheld for a thorough review. It will be examined in detail to protect the constitutional rights and interests of Kannada-speaking minorities in Kasaragod district.

REVA Lifetime Achievement Awards presented on Founder's Day

Bengaluru: Former Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Fali H. Major; former Foreign Secretary and diplomat Nirupama Menon Rao; and actor Jayasudha were conferred with the prestigious REVA Lifetime Achievement Award at REVA University's Founder's Day celebrations. The annual event was held on the occasion of the birthday of Dr P. Shyama Raju, Chancellor of REVA University. Speaking after receiving the award, Air Chief Marshal Major expressed his gratitude and reflected on the principles that shaped his career. He said his achievements were rooted in professionalism, unwavering commitment and consistent hard work. Highlighting leadership values, he noted that true vision stems from courage, commitment and perseverance.

3 dead, 5 injured in boiler accident at sugar factory

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

A tragic industrial accident at Inamdar Sugar Factory near Marakumbi village in Bailhongal taluk claimed the lives of three workers and left five others seriously injured on Wednesday afternoon.

The incident occurred during repair work on AVCP No. 1, a 40-foot-high vessel used for boiling sugarcane juice. According to factory authorities, the unit had been shut prior to repairs. However, while workers were removing nuts and bolts from the curfew wall for maintenance, hot water suddenly gushed from a valve and fell on those working below.

Eyewitnesses said the workers screamed in agony as the scalding water fell on them, causing severe burns. Fellow workers immediately alerted the management, who arranged ambulances and rushed the injured to a nearby hospital. Two workers were declared dead on arrival, while another succumbed to injuries later.

Six workers sustained serious burns and were initially treated locally before being shifted to a private hospital in Belagavi for advanced care. Doctors indicated that the toll may rise as some workers are in a critical condition.

Police Inspector I M Mathpathi visits Inamdar Sugar Factory near Marakumbi village in Bailhongal taluk on Wednesday

The deceased are Akshay Chopade (45) of Jamkhandi, Deepak Munavalli (31) of Nesaragi, and Sudarshan Banoshi (25) of Chikkamunavalli in Khanapur taluk.

The injured are Bharat Basappa Sarawadi (27) of Godachinamalki village in Gokak taluk, Raghavendra Giriyal (35) of Gokak, Manju Teradala (35) of Athani, Manju Kajagara (28) of Aravalli in Bailhongal, and Guru Tamannavar of Mareguddi in Bagalkot district.

Police Inspector IM Mathpathi of Murgod Police Station visited the site and conducted an inspection. A case was registered, and investigation is under way to determine how the hot water leaked despite safety precautions.

Participants at a Women's Convention organised by the All India Mahila Samskritika Sanghatane (AIMSS) at Gandhi Bhavan in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

'Crimes against women reflect deep-rooted cultural failure'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

VETERAN artiste Rameshwari Verma on Wednesday said that crimes against women and children can no longer be treated as isolated incidents, but reflect a deep-rooted cultural and systemic failure.

She was inaugurating a state-level convention organised by the All India Mahila Sanskritik Sanghatan (AIMSS) here as part of its statewide campaign against rising violence targeting women and children.

The convention aimed to confront increasing violence and mobilise public conscience for sustained action. Women, students, workers and activists from across Karnataka participated in the gathering.

Warning that crimes against women are not only increasing but becoming "more grotesque, perverse and ghastly", Verma criticised portrayals of women as villains or objects in television serials and films, saying such representations normalise violence. "Media can build a person and media can kill a person," she said, stressing that respect, not merely protection, must form the foundation of society's approach towards women. K Uma, state secretary of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist), recalled several cases that once shook the nation's conscience but failed to deliver justice.

Speakers repeatedly flagged the role of media and digital platforms in shaping attitudes towards women, expressing concern over the unchecked spread of obscene and exploitative content in advertising, cinema and online spaces. The convention also highlighted continuing threats of human trafficking, forced labour and sexual exploitation, stressing that protection must go beyond laws to meaningful enforcement and cultural change. The session was presided over by AIMSS State President MN Manjula, with State Secretary S Shobha and others in attendance.

Bengaluru tops list of preferred cities for working women: Report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BENGALURU is not only a preferred destination for its climate, but is also emerging as the most favoured city for women to work and live, according to a report released on Wednesday.

The Top Cities for Women in India report, based on a nationwide assessment by Avtar Group, a workplace culture consulting firm, ranked Bengaluru as the most preferred city for women to work in India. Other cities in the top 10 include Chennai, Pune, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Gurugram, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Thiruvananthapuram and Coimbatore.

The report presents a longitudinal inclusivity index that tracks how Indian cities enable women's workforce participation, safety, and career growth, while identifying role-model cities and emerging best practices. It also offers a structured framework for organisations, policymakers and urban stakeholders to strengthen women's participation in the workforce.

A total of 125 cities were assessed and compared with findings from previous editions. Cities were ranked based on their overall City Inclusion Score, derived from social and industrial inclusion indicators.

The social inclusion score is calculated based on four parameters, city liveability, safety, women's representation in employment, and women's empowerment. The industrial inclusion score is based on the density of women-friendly and inclusive industries, career enablers for women, and the presence of gender-inclusive organisations.

As per the report, Bengaluru retained its top position in 2025 with a City Inclusion Score of 53.29, reflecting sustained strength in industrial inclusion and career enablement. Chennai followed with a score of 49.86, Pune (46.27), Hyderabad (46.04) and Mumbai (44.49).

The report noted that Delhi, Gurugram and Noida performed well on industrial inclusion but lagged on social indicators such as safety, affordability and mobility, highlighting that industrial growth alone does not ensure inclusive urban environments.

Meanwhile, Thiruvananthapuram, Shimla and Tiruchirappalli demonstrated strong social inclusion outcomes but limited industrial depth, indicating constraints in large-scale formal employment opportunities for women. Hyderabad, Kolkata and Pune stood out for their balanced inclusion profiles, showing alignment between social inclusion and industrial ecosystems.

Quota worker strength higher than prescribed limit

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

A fresh controversy has erupted over reservation in government employment, with critics alleging that the representation of certain categories in many Karnataka departments — especially in Group A and B posts — has surged well beyond the prescribed limits.

This has triggered anger among some groups. According to figures cited by some employees, who have petitioned the government, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe representation in certain cadres now ranges between 30% and 50%, sharply higher than their estimated population share of about 24% combined -- SC -17%, ST -7%. Despite repeated petitions flagging the imbalance, the state government is accused of maintaining the status quo, allegedly ignoring court directions and constitutional mandates on proportionality.

The issue has sparked protests and mounting resentment, with general category groups claiming there is no institutional mechanism to even hear their grievances. With SC/ST employees together reportedly accounting for around 26% of the total workforce, critics argue that filling backlog vacancies without a thorough audit would further skew representation.

The petitioners demand a comprehensive, recruitment-wise audit, including data on sanctioned posts, filled positions, backlog vacancies and current openings, to restore transparency and fairness in public appointments. They insisted that such an exercise is essential, particularly after recent judicial scrutiny under the Pavitra framework. The Karnataka government is yet to respond to the allegations. As the state moves ahead with sub-classification within SC quotas, the growing row highlights deepening tensions over affirmative action policy, equity and constitutional compliance in public employment — an issue now poised to spill into courts.

Experts said this serious anomaly has occurred because when two or three positions are advertised, as is normally done in government jobs, they give reservation proportionally. When taken cumulatively over a 10 or 20-year period, when over 100 job positions have been filled up, reserved categories have received far greater number of jobs and this has not been addressed so far, they said.

SUSTAINABILITY

Focus on environment, Khandre tells entrepreneurs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOREST, environment and ecology minister Eshwar B Khandre on Wednesday urged entrepreneurs to take the lead in maintaining environment sustainability along with economic progress.

Speaking at a function to inaugurate Forward Karnataka's 'Environment Sustainability Conclave' here, he said environment protection would become a reality if importance is given to use, reuse and recycle.

Having a sustainable environmental policy is not enough. It should be effectively implemented and reviewed. Every individual should participate in environment protection by planting saplings and saving trees, he said.

Referring to the recent cabinet decision to create a biodiversity park at Madapanahalli near Yelahanka, spread across 153 acres of land, Khandre said it will be thrown open for public in two years. The government has decided to increase the green cover from 21% to 33%, excluding forestland, he added.

He stressed the need for taking immediate steps to prevent sewage, domestic or industrial waste from entering drinking water sources. He also stressed the need to curb the menace of single-use plastic waste.

Court grants interim protection to King Cobra expert

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

THE District and Sessions Court, Bengaluru, has issued a restraining order in a civil defamation case filed by noted herpetologist Dr P Gowri Shankar, granting him interim protection and restraining the dissemination of defamatory content against him. The court has passed an order restraining Nagaraj Koove and all persons acting for or through him from publishing any false, derogatory, or defamatory content against Gowri Shankar on social media and other platforms.

Advocate Akshay Swamy appearing on behalf of Gowri Shankar argued that a prima facie case is made out and irreparable injury would be caused to his client and argued for interim relief.

After detailed consideration the court accordingly granted interim protection directing Facebook to take down content against Gowri Shankar which are uploaded from the Facebook account of Nagaraj Koove.

The advocate said that Gowri Shankar, recently brought national and international recognition to Karnataka and India through the discovery of four new species of King Cobras, a scientific breakthrough after 187 years. He honoured the people of Malnad by naming one of the species Ophiophagus Kaalinga.

Nagaraj Koove, from Mudigere in his series of posts on social media had questioned the research and rescue permit of two institutes in Agumbe of which one is run by Gowri Shankar.

He had claimed that the members of institutes are venturing into Someshwara wildlife sanctuary for photo shoots and videos.

Gowri Shankar

Gowri Shankar clarified that all the activities are legal and rescues were done in the presence and knowledge of the forest department.

The herping sessions were conducted within their campus and not inside the sanctuary. Gowri Shankar said that his research permit ended in 2017 after which he is only into rescue and not research in Agumbe.

However the series of complaints by Nagaraj led to investigation by the forest department team which did not find irregularities in the operations. Forest minister Eshwar Khandre ordered to stop any private research including Gowri Shankar to restrain from rescuing the King Cobras and the same job should be done by the forest staff only.

"While training forest staff is important, handling venomous snakes, especially King Cobras, is a specialised skill built over years of practice and discipline. The safety of ground staff is as important as the safety of the public," said the former Panchayat President and Member of Guddekeri.

In a letter to the forest minister he pointed out that it calls for cooperation, respect for on-ground experience, and a return to a responsible rescue framework guided by science and reality.

Tiger found dead in Bhadra; death attributed to fight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chikkamagaluru

THE carcass of an eight-year-old male tiger was found in survey no 15 of Gane Giri in the Hebbe Forest Range of the Bhadra Tiger Reserve on the morning of January 6. Tiger census enumerators noticed the carcass on Tuesday morning near the Kodhi anti-poaching camp. The tiger was in an advanced state of decomposition.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Phulkit Mina visited the spot and examined the cause of death with the assistance of expert veterinarians. Following a thorough examination, the DCF stated that the tiger likely died due to a territorial fight between two male tigers. The post-mortem examination, conducted by veterinarians Sachin Naik and Shivakumar, revealed severe injuries near the front leg and neck region, consistent with wounds sustained during territorial combat.

The carcass of a male tiger found in the Hebbe Range of Bhadra Tiger Reserve

All canine teeth and claws were found intact, ruling out poaching as the cause of death. Officials said the entire process was carried out in strict adherence to the standard operating procedures of the National Tiger Conservation Authority. The carcass was cremated after the postmortem.

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday granted interim suspension of the Central Administrative Tribunal order dated December 29, 2025, which had quashed the appointment of Dr Jaiteerth R Joshi as Director General of the Indo-Russian joint venture BrahMos

GOING RIGHT

Anbumani joins hands with NDA for TN elections

S KUMARESAN @Chennai

Pattali Makkal Katchi leader Anbumani Ramadoss greets AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami in Chennai on Wednesday | EXPRESS

THE Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) faction led by Anbumani Ramadoss on Wednesday announced its decision to join the AIADMK-BJP alliance for the 2026 Assembly polls. The announcement was jointly made by AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami and Anbumani after both met at the former's residence in Chennai.

Hours after the alliance was announced, PMK founder S Ramadoss, who is fighting a bitter battle with his son Anbumani for control over PMK, said that he alone is authorised to lead the party and decide on alliances. "Only I have been vested with the authority by the party's executive and general council to conduct alliance talks," he said.

Earlier in the day, following closed-door discussions on alliance modalities, both Palaniswami and Anbumani jointly addressed reporters, formally announcing the alliance. Palaniswami said the alliance had been formed in line with the wishes of party leaders, cadre and supporters of both the AIADMK and PMK. "This is a winning alliance. Our collective goal is to defeat the anti-people DMK government and form a strong government that delivers welfare-oriented governance to the people of Tamil Nadu," he said.

Palaniswami expressed confidence that the AIADMK-led alliance would secure a majority of the 234 Assembly seats and return to power with a clear mandate. He added that the AIADMK, BJP and PMK will work "day and night like bees and ants" to achieve a massive electoral victory. While confirming that seat-sharing discussions have been completed, he said that further details will be announced later. Anbumani termed the alliance a "happy and awaited moment" for PMK cadre. He said the party has joined hands with the AIADMK to remove what he described as an anti-people, corrupt, anti-women and anti-social justice DMK regime. Referring to his recent 100-day padayatra across rural TN, he claimed there was widespread anger against the DMK among villagers, with people eagerly awaiting the polls to express their discontent.

It may be recalled that the PMK faced Assembly elections in the state as part of an AIADMK-led alliance twice, in 2001 and 2021. In 2001, the PMK contested in 27 seats and won 20 seats, while in 2021, contested 23 seats and won five. Ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, when AIADMK broke its alliance with the BJP, the PMK, which was united then, decided to remain with the BJP.

EPS leaves for Delhi

After announcing the alliance, Palaniswami has left for Delhi. The move assumes significance as he is expected to hold talks with BJP's national leadership. During Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent visit to Tiruchy, AIADMK leader S P Velumani met him and held discussions, however, Palaniswami was absent.

Only I have been vested with the authority by the party's executive and general council to conduct alliance talk. Our collective goal is to defeat the anti-people DMK government — S Ramadoss, PMK founder

Don't politicise water issues: Naidu to TG

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Polavaram

ANDHRA Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has asserted that raising objections to the Polavaram Irrigation Project is unjustified as the Godavari river has abundant water. After inspecting the ongoing Polavaram project construction works on Wednesday, he told the media that water flowing into the sea should be harnessed for development. He urged Telangana leaders not to politicise water issues, stressing that Telugu people are one community, and should adopt a spirit of co-operation rather than rivalry.

Naidu reminded that projects such as Devadula, Kalwakurthy, and Madhav Reddy lift schemes were initiated to benefit both States, and recalled supplying water from Jurala to Mahabubnagar when RDS faced shortage. He emphasised that Andhra Pradesh never objected to Telangana's use of Godavari water, adding that conserving surplus water in reservoirs like Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailam would benefit both States.

On Polavaram, the Chief Minister described it as the lifeline of Andhra Pradesh, and criticised the previous YSRCP government for a six-year setback. He said the diaphragm wall damage was identified only after IIT Hyderabad experts intervened.

He accused the former regime of starting unauthorised projects in Rayalaseema, spending nearly Rs 2,500 crore without approvals, and incurring penalties from the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

STUDENT MARCH

Students take part in the Vivekananda National Youth Day rally in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday | G SATYANARAYANA

EXPRESS READ

SIT summons Revanth's brother and others

Hyderabad: The SIT probing the phone tapping case has summoned Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's brother, A Kondal Reddy. The allegation is that Kondal Reddy's phone was tapped during the BRS regime, when Revanth Reddy was in the Opposition. The SIT has also summoned former BRS MLAs Jaipal Yadav and Chiramurthy Lingayya to appear on Thursday at 11 am. It recorded the statement of BRS MLC K Naveen Rao two days ago. The SIT has now summoned Naveen Rao's father, Kondal Rao, and MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao's son, Sandeep. Kondal informed officials that he was unwell and sought questioning at his residence, while Sandeep is currently abroad. ENS

Court adopted double standards, favoured Dileep, says prosecution

P RAMDAS @Kochi

ACTOR ASSAULT CASE

THE prosecution has accused the trial court of adopting a partisan and discriminatory approach in evaluating evidence in the 2017 actor abduction and assault case, alleging that it applied different yardsticks when it came to accused Pulsar Suni and actor Dileep.

The court had last December acquitted Dileep, the eighth accused, saying the prosecution failed to prove the charges against him beyond reasonable doubt.

However, in the legal opinion it submitted to the government -- accessed by *TNIE* -- seeking approval to file an appeal, the prosecution accused the court of adopting "double standards" and alleged that the evidence presented by the prosecution was appreciated in a "highly unfair, non-judicious, and partisan" manner. It said a large volume of evidence against Dileep was either ignored, misinterpreted, or deliberately misread. The prosecution also said jail sentence and fine imposed on key accused Pulsar Suni and five others were shockingly low and violated Supreme Court guidelines that trial courts are required to consider while awarding sentences in gang rape cases. The awarded sentences amounted to bare minimum punishment, the prosecution said, as it also sought to file an appeal on this count.

An officer said the government had recently granted the nod and the appeals would be filed latest by January 20.

While the court found Pulsar Suni and five others guilty holding that the prosecution had proven their guilt beyond reasonable doubt, Dileep and three others were acquitted by applying a different standard of evaluation. Evidence from certain witnesses, which the court relied upon to convict Pulsar Suni and the others, were disbelieved by the same court to acquit Dileep and his close associate Sarath G Nair, it said.

The prosecution also alleged that the trial court misquoted certain witnesses and cited portions of testimony out of context to create false narratives to justify Dileep's acquittal. Several crucial witnesses were intentionally disbelieved on flimsy and unsustainable grounds. Clear admissions, including judicial confessions by the acquitted accused, were ignored while the admissions made by the convicted accused were relied upon to convict them, allegedly by "ignoring" or "chopping off" their clear links to Dileep.

Hebbalkar's driver stabbed, all four accused arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

IN a brazen daylight attack that has sent shockwaves across the district, the car driver of Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar's family was brutally stabbed multiple times in the heart of Belagavi city on Tuesday.

Within 24 hours, city police cracked the case, arresting all four accused, police said on Wednesday.Belagavi Police Commissioner Bhushan Borse identified the arrested men as Shivayya Pujari, Mitesh Badiger, Sampath Kadolkar and Monappa Patil. The prime accused, Pujari and Badiger, allegedly attacked Basavanta Kadolkar, the car driver of Mrunal Hebbalkar, son of Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar, near Mahaveer Canteen on Club Road, a busy central locality, on Tuesday.

The assailants stabbed Kadolkar repeatedly with a knife and fled the scene, leaving him bleeding on the road. The victim, a resident of Belgundi village, was rushed to VOTC Hospital, where he is undergoing treatment. Doctors confirmed four stab injuries to the chest, shoulder and thigh, terming the assault a clear attempt to murder. Both the attackers and the injured driver hail from Gojaga village in Belagavi taluk, which falls within Minister Hebbalkar's constituency.

EXPRESS READ

TVK announces free tickets for *Jana Nayagan's* 1st show

Thoothukudi: Against the backdrop of criticism on allegations of selling tickets of actor Vijay's 'Jana Nayagan' movie at exorbitant prices against government fixed prices, Thoothukudi north district TVK secretary Balasubramaniam announced free tickets for the first show of the movie. After an audio of a functionary attached to Vijay Makkal Iyakkam spoke about charging ₹1,000 for the movie ticket, the members of Karuthurimai Pathukappu Kootamaippu filed a complaint to the Kovilpatti tahsildar, urging him to ensure the tickets are sold at the government fixed prices. The 'Jana Nayagan' release is being grandly celebrated at Kovilpatti.

Collegiate Edu Dept launches enrolment campaign

Bengaluru: With a view to increasing the Gross Enrolment Ratio and boosting student enrolment in government degree colleges across urban, rural and backward regions, the Department of Collegiate Education has issued a circular to conduct the Enrolment Campaign 2026–27. The department has set a target to achieve 75% of the sanctioned intake. Principals of Government First Grade Colleges have been instructed to visit all government PU colleges allocated to them during the previous academic year by January 20. They have been asked to interact with PU students, introduce them to the courses offered in degree colleges.

E-Auction Notice for Leasing of SLR/LVPH

e-Auction Notice No. : LEASE-KGP-26-01 Date : 07.01.2026

e-Auctions are invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur Division, South Eastern Railway for and on behalf of the President, Union of India for **Leasing of SLR/LVPHs for a period of 03 (Three) years for transportation of parcels in the trains** which are notified in the **https://www.ireps.gov.in/** website. **Category :** Parcel. **Catalogue No. :** LEASE-KGP-26-01. **Date of e-Auction :** 15.01.2026. **Auction Start Time :** 10.00 hrs. **Auction Closing Time :** 15.50 hrs. Interested parties and contractors to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details of the trains and related information about the e-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications, if any, please contact the office of the undersigned.

(PR-1037) **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur**

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Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd.
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
M 226	CE / MM	Procurement of 7_2 50mm AAA Conductor
M. 227	CE / MM	Procurement of AAA Rabbit Conductor

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit the websites **www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/102/Tender/2026

BEFORE THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BANGALORE URBAN AT BANGALORE

REVISION PETITION No.507/2024-25

BETWEEN:

1: **Smt. Muniyamma,**W/o Hanumaiah, Aged about 76 years,105, Abbigere Colony, Abbigere, Bengaluru-560090
2. Smt. Lakshmamma W/o Shankarappa, Aged about 63 years. 54 Chikka Billakempanahalli, Manchanayakanahalli, Ramanagar, Manchanayakanahalli, Karanataka-562109
3. Mr. Nagaraj S/o Muniyappa, Aged Major #105, Near Rama Temple, Aged about 49 years, Abbigere Colony, Abbigere, Bengaluru-560090
4. Smt. Munirathnamma W/o Srinivas Aged about 47 years, # 56 Kanakapura Mian Road Kaggalipura Colony, Kaggalipura, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560082
5. Mr. Madhu A S/o Anjinappa M, Aged about 32 years #105, Huli Hanum, anthappa Road Near Rama Temple, Abbigere Colony, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090
6. Miss. Girija A W/o Hanumatharaju T, Aged about 30 years, Yalachaguppe, Tavarekere, Bengalurur-562130
7. Mr. Harsha N S/o M Nagaraj, Aged about 21 years, #105, Near Rama Temple, Abbigere Colony, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090
8. Mr. N Dhanush S/o M Nagaraj, Aged about 19 years, 105, Near Rama Temple, Abbigere Colony, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090

Represented by their General Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Anjinappa S/o Muniyappa, Aged about 54 years, # 105, Near Rama Temple, Abbigere Colony, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090

... PETITIONERS

AND

1. **THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER** Bangalore North Sub-Division, Bangalore.
2. **THE TAHSILDAR** Yelahanka Taluk Bengaluru
3. **Mr.M.CHANDRAPPA** S/o Late Muniswamappa Aged Major R/at Kalathammanahalli Village, Hesraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District

.... RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the Petitioners above named have filed the above petition under section 136(2) of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act 1964 against Respondents seeking for set-aside the order Dated: 30/01/2023 in R A (YLK) No.926/2022 in directing to the Respondent No.1 to delete/ remove the name of Venkatappa S/o Ramaiah from column No.9 & 12 of RTC and further directed to effect the mutation and transfer the khata in the name of Respondent No.3 Mr.M.Chandrappa S/o Late Muniswamappa in respect of land bearing Sy No.52/1, Measuring 0-14 guntas, Situated at Kalathammanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District and along with such reliefs.

Respondent-3 viz., Mr.M.CHANDRAPPA is hereby warned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the day. 19-1-26. clock in afternoon to show cause against the petition failing where-in, the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 15 day of December 2025 By order of the authority, Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore.

Sd/-
Advocate for Petitioners
MOHAN.H. S, Advocate,
No.5/1, 1st Floor, 1st Cross,
Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru- 560052

Sd/-
Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore Urban,
Bangalore.

KARNATAK LINGAYAT EDUCATION SOCIETY
Lingaraj College Road, BELAGAVI – 590001, Karnataka (India)

No.E.O./Election/2025-26/6695

ELECTION NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified to the members of the Society that the 'Election – 2026' will be held in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution & Election Rules of the KLE Society, to elect the following Office Bearers of the Society for a period of next Five Years :

i) The President, ii) Two Vice-Presidents and
iii) Twelve Members of the Board of Management -

Out of 12 Members of the Board of Management, 11 (Eleven) Members shall be from amongst the Ordinary Members category on the Electoral Roll and remaining 1 (One) Member shall be from the category of Benefactors/Grand Patrons/Patrons/Fellows on the Electoral Roll of the Society.

The Notice is hereby given to the Members that Election will be held in accordance with Election Rules of the Society with a system of proportional representation by means of the Single Transferrable Vote and by "secret" ballot.

The following is the Schedule for Election:

Monday, 12th January, 2026 11.00 am to 5.00 pm	Date of commencement to issue & receive the Nomination forms during the working days at the office of the Election Officer, K.L.E.Society's Head Office, Lingaraj College Road, Belagavi.
Tuesday, 20th January, 2026 11.00 am to 4.00 pm	The last date and hour for receiving the Nomination forms at the office of the Election Officer, K.L.E.Society's Head Office, Lingaraj College Road, Belagavi.
Tuesday, 20th January, 2026 5.00 pm onwards	The date and hour for the scrutiny of Nomination forms received at the office of the Election Officer, K.L.E.Society's Head Office, Lingaraj College Road, Belagavi. The list of valid nominations will be notified thereafter on the Notice Board of K.L.E. Society's Head Office, Lingaraj College Road, Belagavi.
Thursday, 22nd January, 2026 upto 5.00 pm	The last date and hour for withdrawal of Nominations at the office of the Election Officer, K.L.E.Society's Head Office, Lingaraj College Road, Belagavi. The list of contesting candidates will be notified thereafter on the Notice Board of K.L.E. Society's Head Office, Lingaraj College Road, Belagavi.
DATE, TIME & PLACES OF POLLING :	
Saturday, 7th February, 2026 9.00 am to 5.00 pm	At the campus of B.V. Bhoomaraddi College of Engineering & Technology (KLE Technological University), Vidyanagar, HUBBALLI, Dist: Dharwad, Karnataka. (The polling at HUBBALLI shall cover the voters of the areas except that of Belagavi District and Maharastra State)
Sunday, 8th February, 2026 9.00 am to 5.00 pm	At the campus of Lingaraj College, Lingaraj College Road, BELAGAVI, Dist: Belagavi, Karnataka. (The polling at Belagavi shall cover the voters of areas of Belagavi District and Maharastra State)
Sunday, 8th February, 2026 After completion of the Polling	Counting of votes at K.L.E.Society's Lingaraj College Campus, Lingaraj College Road, Belagavi and declaration of results.

Nomination form can be obtained from the office of the Election Officer, at the K.L.E.Society's Head Office, Lingaraj College Road, Belagavi, Karnataka, India on payment of the prescribed fees of Rs.500/- (in cash or DD)

The Members who have renewed their names in the Electoral Roll, in conformity with clause 11. N.B. c) of the Constitution of the Society and having obtained Renewed Identity Cards, are only eligible to contest the election and also to cast their votes at the ensuing Election.

The Members shall produce their Renewed Identity Cards at the time of polling, failing which they will not be permitted to exercise their votes.

Sd/-
Dr. S. S. Jalalpure, Jt. Secretary
Election Officer, K.L.E. Society, Belagavi

BELAGAVI
Date: 07.01.2026

N.B. 1) The office of the Election Officer, K.L.E. Society's Head Office, Lingaraj College Road, Belagavi will remain open from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm on all working days (except on the day of counting of votes and declaration of results).
2) The members are requested to note that no individual election notice will be sent in conformity with Clause No.IV) 4. N.B. a) of the Election Rules of the K.L.E.Society, Belagavi.

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION
BASAVA BHAVAN, HIGH GROUNDS
BANGALORE-560001
Under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986
CC No. 64/2024

Mr. Vijay Jayaram ...Complainant
Versus
M/s. S.A. Enterprises, and others
...Opposite Parties

To,

Opposite Parties Name :

1. M/s S.A. Enterprises having its registered Office at No.29, 15th Cross, Kanakanagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032.
2. Mr. Abdull Latheef Jabbar, Proprietor M/s SA Enterprises, Office at No.29, 15th Cross, Kanakanagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032.
6. M/s. Unishire Homes LLP., duly Regd. Partnership Firm and having its registered Office at No.36, Railway Parallel Road, Nehru Nagar, Kumara Park West, Bangalore-560 020
Represented by its designated partner Mr. Kirti.K. Mehta

CONSUMER NOTICE UNDER SECTION 47 OF THE AMENDED C.P.A. 2019 TO THE RESPONDENT NO. 1, 2 AND 6 FOR HEARING THE COMPLAINT IN DAILY ENGLISH NEWS PAPER 'INDIAN EXPRESS' AND DAILY KANNADA NEWS PAPER 'KANNDA PRABHA' BANGALORE EDITION

Whereas, the Complainant has filed the above complaint against you seeking remedy. Hence, you are hereby notify to appear before this Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized to answer all the material facts relating to the complaint **on 30th January 2026 at 10.30 AM.**

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above complaint will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 30th December, 2025.

By Order of the Commission,
Asst. Registrar-Cum-ADMN Officer,
K.S.C.D.R.C., Bangalore-560001.
Adv. for Complainant

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer (MP & CS)
Old Madras Road, K R Puram Zone-02,
Bengaluru - 560 036

No: BECC/PR/EE(MP&CS)/06/2025-26 Date: 07-01-2026

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

(Short Term Tender Notification)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer (MP&CS), BECC, Bengaluru -36, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or GBA or BECC or equivalent registration with KPWD/CPWD/BWSSB/ Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Services detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of the work
1.	Computer Operator Cum Field Operators for Revenue work of Bengaluru East City Corporation. **Estimated Amount: ₹.39.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.78,000/-**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **21-01-2026** upto **4:00** pm. (2) Pre Bid meeting will be held on **13-01-2026** at **3:00** pm. (3) Tender Documents can be Downloaded from **09-01-2026** (4) Last Date for Submission of tender documents on or before **21-01-2026** at **4:00** pm. (5) Technical Bids will be opened on **22-01-2026** at **4:30** pm onwards.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (MP & CS)
K. R. Puram Zone-02
Bengaluru East City Corporation,

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091
CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Bijaya Kumar Satapathy/ Simanchala Tripathy/at Po Dighapada Via Kodala PS Kodala Office No. 112 Distrct- Odisha Ganjam- 761032/ LBBEP00005839086.	Apartment Bearing No -J-1410,14th Floor Of Tower - 1, Building-II, " Sriram Green Field Project" Survey No 73/2A ,73/1,74 And 81 , Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore, Situated At Bommenahalli, Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Earlier Joskote Taluk, Presently Bangalore, East Taluk-Bangalore, Distrct- Bangalore Karnataka Bangalore Admeasuring An Area Of Carpet Area 69.64 Sq Mtr/749.60 Sr Ft And Super Built Up Area 98.93 Sq Mt/1065 Sq Ft (Which Includes Proportinate Share In Common Areas Such As Passage Lobbies, and Stair Case) With Exclusive Roght To Use 3.92 Sq Mtr /42.19 Sq Ft Of Exclusive Balcony Along With One Car Parking Space In The Lower Basement / Upper Basement/ Groundfloor.	19/11/2025 Rs. 40,34,400/-	03/09/ 2025
2.	Arnab Samajdar/ Banani Samajder/ Arka Samjdar/ Bachurdoba, P.O. and P.S. Jhargram Ward No. 6 West Midnapore West Bengal Midnapore- 721507/ LBMDE00006090011	Rivi: Dag No.298, Hal Dag No.379, Revissional Khatian No.148, Hal Settlement Khatian No. 1288, J.L. No.394, Touzi No.859, Mouza Bachurdoba, P.O. And P.S. Jhargram, Ward No 6, B.L. And L.R.O. Jhargram, District Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area Of 6 Decimals.	26/11/2025 Rs. 19,57,789/-	03/10/ 2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: Januray 08, 2026 Place: Bangalore — Sincerely Authorised Officer,For ICICI Bank Ltd.

KARNATAKA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Grameenabhivriddhi Bhavana, 4th & 5th Floor, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009.

No: KRIDL/WKS/CMT/TND/2025-26 Date:07.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The applications are invited for the supply of cement to KRIDL sub divisions in Karnataka from the manufacturers with a turnover stipulated in table below per annum in last 3 financial years. Interested Manufacturers / Agents / Dealers to participate in the tender can view, download and apply only through the E-Governance Secretariat. **New Website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Contact:**+91 9240214000, +91 9240214001, +91 80 68948777, +91 80 46010000.

Sl. No.	Particulars of Tender	OP Cement Qty. put to Tender in bags	PP Cement Qty. put to Tender in bags	Aprx. Amount put to Tender in Rs. lakhs	EMD Amount in Rs. Lakhs	Required Turnover Per Annum of Firm in Rs. Lakhs
1	Tender Part-I Bengaluru & BBMP Zone OP Cement	158900	-	487.82	7.32	1561.00
2	Tender Part-II Central (Chitraduraga) Zone OP Cement	386500	-	1186.55	15.00	3796.00
3	Tender Part-III Mysuru Zone OP Cement	425000	-	1318.13	15.00	4218.00
4	Tender Part-IV Belagavi Zone OP Cement	210500	-	617.05	9.26	1974.00
5	Tender Part-V Kalaburagi Zone OP Cement	170000	-	494.70	7.42	1583.00
6	Tender Part-VI Belagavi Zone PP Cement	-	70000	178.45	2.68	571.00
7	Tender Part-VII Kalaburagi Zone PP Cement	-	70000	177.80	2.67	568.00

Period of supply three months from the date of Supply order.
- Last date and time for enquiry is **30.01.2026 up to 14.00 hrs.**
- Last date and time for receipt of tender **30.01.2026 up to 15.00 hrs.**
- Date of Opening of Technical Bid is on **03.02.2026 at 15.00 hrs.**
- Date of Opening of Financial Bid is on **04.02.2026 at 15.00 hrs.**

For further details please contact:
Chief Engineer (North)
KARNATAKA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMET LTD,Bengaluru-09.
Phone: 080-28015605, Email:-ddworkskridl@gmail.com
For information please log on to: www.kridl.org.in

Sd/- Chief Engineer (North)

Government of Karnataka

GULBARGA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, GULBARGA

(Autonomous Institution of Govt. of Karnataka)
E-mail:directorgimsgulbarga@gmail.com Phone No 08472-260252 fax 227252.

No: GIMS/KLB/Academic/2025-26/2702 Date: 07/01/2026

:: NOTIFICATION ::

Regarding Walk-in-Admission for Allied Health Sciences courses at Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi as per the letter No: DME/MCS/180/2025-26. Dated: 30.12.2025. Hon'ble Director, Directorate of Medical Education, has granted the permission to fill up the remaining seats in Allied Health Sciences courses after all rounds of seat allocation through KEA for the year 2025-26. Eligible students from kalyan Karnataka region and other than Kalyan Karnataka region can seek admission for the following courses for the academic year 2025-26. The walk-in-admission is scheduled from 08-01-2026 to 10-01-2026, 09 am to 5:30 pm in physiology lecture hall of GIMS College. The eligible candidates registered with KEA will be filled on merit basis. For more information visit the web site address: **http://gimskalaburagi.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl. No	NAME OF THE INSTITUTE	Course	Region	Govt. Quota	PWD	Balance	KK	NKK
1	GULBARGA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES KALABURAGI	B.sc Anesthesia and operation Theater Technology	KK	20	1	0	13	6
2		B.sc Medical Imaging Technology		20	1	0	14	5
3		B.sc Medical Laboratory Technology		20	1	0	13	6
4		B.sc Renal Dialysis Technology		20	1	0	14	5
5		B.sc Emergency & Trauma Care Technology		20	1	0	13	6
6		B.sc Optometry		20	1	0	13	6
7		B.sc Respiratory Technology		20	1	0	13	6
8		Bachelor of Public Health		20	1	0	13	6

UG AHS Seat Matrix 2025-26 (KK)

Sl. No	NAME OF THE INSTITUTE	Course	CAT-1	GM	2A	2B	3A	3B	SC	ST	Grand Total
1	GULBARGA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES KALABURAGI	B.sc Anesthesia and operation Theater Technology	1	5	3	0	0	0	3	1	13
2		B.sc Medical Imaging Technology	0	7	2	1	0	1	3	0	14
3		B.sc Medical Laboratory Technology	1	6	3	0	0	0	2	1	13
4		B.sc Renal Dialysis Technology	0	7	2	1	0	1	3	0	14
5		B.sc Emergency & Trauma Care Technology	0	5	2	1	1	1	2	1	13
6		B.sc Optometry	0	6	2	1	0	1	2	1	13
7		B.sc Respiratory Technology	0	5	2	1	1	1	3	0	13
8		Bachelor of Public Health	1	5	2	1	0	0	2	2	13

UG AHS Seat Matrix 2025-26 (NKK)

Sl. No	NAME OF THE INSTITUTE	Course	CAT-1	GM	2A	2B	3A	3B	SC	ST	Grand Total
1	GULBARGA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES KALABURAGI	B.sc Anesthesia and operation Theater Technology	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	6
2		B.sc Medical Imaging Technology	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	5
3		B.sc Medical Laboratory Technology	0	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	6
4		B.sc Renal Dialysis Technology	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	5
5		B.sc Emergency & Trauma Care Technology	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
6		B.sc Optometry	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	6
7		B.sc Respiratory Technology	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	6
8		Bachelor of Public Health	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	6

Sd/- Director
DIPR/Kalaburagi/943/KSMC&A/2025-26 **Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Gulbarga**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYAT BELAGAVI
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, CHIKODI
Email :preckdee@gmail.com Office Phone No: 08338-272131,

No.PRE/CKD/Db/kppp/2025-26/6802 Date: 02-01-2026

Kppp-SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, State, Item Rate (Technical bids and Financial bids through E-Mode), E-Bids are invited for the following works through standard tender document KW-1, KW-2, KW-3, KW-4 (Standard Tender Document) from the eligible Contractors, registered in P.R.E. Department, & with kppp registration Bangalore, on "turn-key", basis only.

1]Last date of request for issue of blank E-bid document through e-Procurment Date: Other works:02-01-2025 To 14-01-2026, 2]Bid Closing & submission Date: Other works:14-01-2026 AT 04:00 PM, 3]Tender Opening Date: Other works:16-01-2026 AT 11:00 AM, 4]Pre Bid Meeting Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:13-01-2026 AT 05:00 PM, 5]Techanical Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:16-01-2026 AT 11:00 AM, 6]Financial Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:19-01-2026 AT 11:00 AM

General Works Indent No's:21697, 22207, 22380, 22329, 22332, 22327, 22418, 21951, 22430, 15386, 22314, 21611, 21606, 21811, 21260, 22149, 22427, 22424, 21529, 22163, 7986, 19387, 17487, 22422, **SC Works Indent No's:**21699, 22519, 21812, 21609, 21608, **ST Works Indent No's:**22330, 21800, 22429, 21607, **Category 1 Works Indent No's:**22428, **Category 2A Works Indent No's:**22378, 22527, 22417, 21510, 19170, 19168, 21610, 21530, 21808, 22426, 22550

For further details, the agencies may contact the office of the undersigned, during office hours, or may visit web site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

Sd/-Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division, Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1604/KSMCA/2025-26

Partial Cancellation of some Mail/Express trains between Andal & Durgapur stations

The locomotive reversal of the following mail/express trains at Andal station instead of Durgapur station will be continued upto 31/03/2026. Hence, these trains will be diverted via **Asansol - Andal - Sainthia** instead of their existing route Asansol - Andal - Durgapur - Andal - Sainthia and will remain partially cancelled **between Andal & Durgapur stations**.

(1) **12551 SMVT Bengaluru-Kamakhya AC Superfast Express** [JCO 10/01, 17/01, 24/01, 31/01, 07/02, 14/02, 21/02, 28/02, 07/03, 14/03, 21/03 & 28/03/2026]. (2) **12552 Kamakhya-SMVT Bengaluru AC Superfast Express** [JCO 14/01, 21/01, 28/01, 04/02, 11/02, 18/02, 25/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03 & 25/03/2026]. (3) **13417 Digha-Malda Town Express** [JCO 15/01, 22/01, 29/01, 05/02, 12/02, 19/02, 26/02, 05/03, 12/03, 19/03 & 26/03/2026]. (4) **13418 Malda Town-Digha Express** [JCO 15/01, 22/01, 29/01, 05/02, 12/02, 19/02, 26/02, 05/03, 12/03, 19/03 & 26/03/2026]. (5) **13425 Malda Town-Surat Express** [JCO 10/01, 17/01, 24/01, 31/01, 07/02, 14/02, 21/02, 28/02, 07/03, 14/03, 21/03 & 28/03/2026]. (6) **13426 Surat-Malda Town Express** [JCO 12/01, 19/01, 26/01, 02/02, 09/02, 16/02, 23/02, 02/03, 09/03, 16/03, 23/03 & 30/03/2026]. (7) **15629 Tambaram-Silghat Town Nagaon Express** [JCO 12/01, 19/01, 26/01, 02/02, 09/02, 16/02, 23/02, 02/03, 09/03, 16/03, 23/03 & 30/03/2026]. (8) **15630 Silghat Town-Tambaram Nagaon Express** [JCO 09/01, 16/01, 23/01, 30/01, 06/02, 13/02, 20/02, 27/02, 06/03, 13/03, 20/03 & 27/03/2026]. (9) **15640 Kamakhya-Puri Express** [JCO 11/01, 18/01, 25/01, 01/02, 08/02, 15/02, 22/02, 01/03, 08/03, 15/03, 22/03 & 29/03/2026]. (10) **15661 Ranchi-Kamakhya Express** [JCO 14/01, 21/01, 28/01, 04/02, 11/02, 18/02, 25/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03 & 25/03/2026]. (11) **15662 Kamakhya-Ranchi Express** [JCO 13/01, 20/01, 27/01, 03/02, 10/02, 17/02, 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03 & 31/03/2026]. (12) **15929 Tambaram-New Tinsukia Express** [JCO 15/01, 22/01, 29/01, 05/02, 12/02, 19/02, 26/02, 05/03, 12/03, 19/03 & 26/03/2026]. (13) **15930 New Tinsukia-Tambaram Express** [JCO 12/01/ 19/01, 26/01, 02/02, 09/02, 16/02, 23/02, 02/03, 09/03, 16/03, 23/03 & 30/03/2026]. (14) **22611 MGR Chennai Central-New Jalpaiguri Superfast Express** [JCO 14/01, 21/01, 28/01, 04/02, 11/02, 18/02, 25/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03 & 25/03/2026]. (15) **22612 New Jalpaiguri-MGR Chennai Central Superfast Express** [JCO 09/01, 16/01, 23/01, 30/01, 06/02, 13/02, 20/02, 27/02, 06/03, 13/03, 20/03 & 27/03/2026].

Divisional Railway Manager, Asansol

EASTERN RAILWAY

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.64,98,397/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Seven only)** as on **04-01-2026** together with further interest to be charged from **05-01-2026** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the Borrowers / Guarantors **No.1) M/s. Pramukh Fabriques, 3rd Floor, Nos.5-6, Sharma Complex, Chickpet Road, Bengaluru - 560053. No.2) Mr. Kneil Gemanee, S/o. Mr. Roopchand Gemanee, No.8, 2nd Floor, Shanmukha Enclave, Krishna Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South - 560004. No.3) Mr. Lalit Gemanee, S/o. Mr. Roopchand Panechand Rathod, No.8, 2nd Floor, Shanmukha Enclave, Krishna Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South - 560004. Also at, Mr. Lalit Gemanee, S/o. Mr. Roopchand Panechand Rathod, No.36/1, 2nd Floor, Sajjan Rao Road, VV Puram, Near Asaktha Poshaka Sabha, Bangalore - 560004. No.4) Mr. Gajendra Singh, S/o. Ramanand Singh, No.5, Prem Kutir, No.75, 18th Cross, 15th Main, Near to Janna Vijana Vidhya Peetha, Padmanabha Nagar, Bengaluru South, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru- 560070.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. Gajendra Singh, S/o. Ramanand Singh)

Schedule - A : All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Corporation New No.5, Old Nos. Part of 58 and 59, 70 and 71 Situated at the 18th Cross Revenue Layout, Padmanabhanagara (South) Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk in BBMP Ward No.55, Measuring : East to West, Northern Side - 60 ft., Southern Side - 60 ft., North to South Eastern Side - 55 ft., Western Side - 55 ft., and Bounded on : East by - Site No. 72, West by - Site No. 69, North by - Part of Site Nos.58 and 59, South by - Road. Schedule - B : 320 Sq. ft. of the Undivided Share in the Schedule A Property and Flat No. TF-A, in 3rd Floor, in Schedule A Property known as Prem Kutir measuring 1,150 Sq.ft. of Super Built-up Area.

Reserve Price : Rs.63,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Three Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
12-02-2026	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-J C Road Branch,** Nos.61, 62, H.Siddiah Road, Urvasi Theatre Road, Sudham Nagar, J C Road, Bengaluru- 560002. Cell Nos.9025222688, 8925964904.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-J C Road Branch, Nos.61, 62, H.Siddiah Road, Urvasi Theatre Road, Sudham Nagar, J C Road, Bengaluru- 560002. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Cell Nos.9025222688, 8925964904. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 06-01-2026 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
(At/Po- Ambapua, Near Income Tax office, Berhampur-760011, Ganjam, Odisha), E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel No.:- 0680-2404287)

No. e-tender//79// RWC// BAM // Dated.06.01.2026
2nd Corrigendum to Bid Identification No.
Online Tender/42-2025-26/BPR

0-1963 : 1) The partial modification of Road works under **MMSY-CUVDA** vide above identification has been made as follows.

1.	Date of availability of tender	::	**02.02.2026 to 16.02.2026 upto 5.30 PM** instead of 07.01.2026 to 21.01.2026 upto 5.30 PM.
2.	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	::	**13.02.2026 at 5.30 PM** instead of 19.01.2026 at 5.30 PM
3.	Date of opening of Technical Bid.	::	**17.02.2026 at 11.00 AM** instead of 22.01.2026 at 11.00 AM
4.	Date of opening of Financial Bid	::	Will be intimated later on.

All other contents will remain unchanged.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
R.W.Circle, Berhampur

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal Only)

E-Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement portal (Website URL: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for the following Procurements.

RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION

1) KPCL/2025-26/IND1935/CALL-3 for Procurement of Digital Temperature & Position Indicator and Silica Gel **EMD** Rs. 8,500/-. **2) KPCL/2025-26/IND2037/CALL-3** for Procurement of Air Cell for GT-5 Conservator Tank **EMD** Rs. 6.100/-. **3) KPCL/2025-26/IND2160/CALL-2** for Procurement of Power Contactors, Switches & Circuit Breakers **EMD** Rs. 5,900/-. **4) KPCL/2025-26/IND2226** for Procurement of Breakers for CHPE-1 LT Switchgear **EMD** Rs. 10,700/-. **5) KPCL/2025-26/IND2163/CALL-2** for Procurement of Railway track materials **EMD** Rs. 59,500/-. **6) KPCL/2025-26/IND1882/CALL-3** for Procurement of Electro pneumatic converter for Unit 3&4 **EMD** Rs. 7,800/-. **7) KPCL/2025-26/IND2316** for Procurement of Conveyor belts for RTPS. **EMD** Rs. 1,88,000/-. **8) KPCL/2025-26/IND1978** for Procurement of flap gate, bearing bush & rubber pad for CHP of RTPS **EMD** Rs.22,300/-. **9) KPCL/2025-26/IND2101/CALL-2** for Procurement of oil seals **EMD** Rs. 1,900/-. **10) KPCL/2025-26/IND2214/CALL-2** for Procurement of Feeder gear box spares for Unit-7 **EMD** Rs. 14,000/-. **11) KPCL/2025-26/IND2258** for Procurement of Wire rope for EOT crane **EMD** Rs. 3,500/-. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : for Sl. No.1 to 6 & 11. Dt. 19-01-2026, 16:00. for Sl. No.7. Dt. 15-01-2026, 16:00. for Sl. No.8 & 10 Dt. 16-01-2026, 16:00. for Sl. No.9 Dt. 12-01-2026, 16:00. **Note: Sl. No. 7 & 9 are on short term tender basis.** Any further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (Purchase), RTPS, Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist. Raichur, Cell: 9449597966, e-Mail id: eeprtps@gmail.com

BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION

1) KPC1/2025-26/IND2239 for Procurement of Filter Elements for Turbine Oil Filters. **2) KPC1/2025-26/IND2028/CALL-3** for Procurement of 220KV Clamps & Connectors. **3) KPCL/2025-26/IND2319** for Procurement of SLIP Gauge set. **4) KPCL/2025-26/IND2302** for Procurement of CCTV Spares. **5) KPCL/2025-26 IND2303** for Procurement of Pressure Temperature switches. **6) KPC1/2025-26/IND2314** for Procurement of Incremental Encoder for Paddle feeder. **Last date fo receipt of tenders :** For Sl. No. 1 : 13.01.2026. For Sl. No. 2 & 3 : 15.01.2026. For Sl. No. 4, 5 & 6 : 17.01.2026. Further details can be had from the office of the Office of the Executive Engineer (Purchase) BT, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini, Bellary District, Karnataka, Mobile No. 09480830377. E-mail: eepurchasebtps@gmail.com.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Infantry Road Branch
Infantry Road, # 91, 1st Floor, Bengaluru-560025.
E-mail : cb1927@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

(Section 13(4)) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Infantry Road Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **04.11.2025** calling upon the Borrower : **(1) M/s Vedic Bio-labs Private Limited,** No.21/1,alakabilalu Village Taralu Panchayat, Uttarahalli Hobli, South Taluk, Bengaluru-560082. **(2) Mr. Pattavardhan S Shylesh (Director),** S/o Sri Late Sathyamurthy N Pattavardhan, 618 Samruddi 24th Cross Road, 20th Main Road Poornaprajna Layout, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061 **(3) Smt. Madhavi Ram Prakash (Director),** W/o Sri Ramprakash Pattavardhan, 618, 24th Cross 20th Main, Poornaprajna Layout,subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061 **(4) Smt.S. Vasantha Lakshmi (Director)** W/o Sri Late Sathyamurthy N Pattavardhan, 618, Samruddi 24th Cross Road, 20th Main Road Poornaprajna Layout, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061 **(5) Mr. Vijay Sagar Shetty (Director)** S/o Sri. Ganesha, Site No 1817 Flat No 201 2nd Floor, Fortuna Srinivasam, 12th Main, 31st Cross, 2nd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560070. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.2,46,78,657.05 (Rupees Two Crore Forty Six Lakhs Seventy eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven and Paisa Five only)** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **7th day of January 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank, Infantry Road Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 2,42,94,262.53 (Rupees Two Crore Forty Two Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two and Paisa Fifty Three Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets

Schedule property (Entire Property) : All that piece and parcel of vacant immovable residential property bearing Site No.28 and Portion of Sites Nos.28/A,28/B,28/C,31/B and 31/C, BBMP Khatha No.200/29/28/A/28/B/28/6/31/B/31/C/28 formed in No.29, Assessment Khatha No.29 situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli,Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.184-Uttarahalli, totally measuring 6062 Square Feet, and Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Road, South by : Sites No.27 and No.31.

Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of vacant property being northern portion of Site No.28.Khatha No.29 situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.184-Uttarahalli, measuring East to west :40 Feet and North to South : 15 Feet, totally measuring 600 Square Feet, and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Site No.31, North by : Private Property, South by : Remaining portion of same Site No.28

ITEM No.2 : All that piece and parcel of vacant immovable residential property being Southern portion of Site No.28.Khatha No.29 situated at Arehalli Village,Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.184-Uttarahalli, measuring East to west :40 Feet and North to South : 15 Feet, totally measuring 600 Square Feet, and bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Site No.31, North by : Remaining portion of same Site No.28, South by : Site No.27

ITEM No.3 : All that piece and parcel of vacant immovable residential property being Southern portion of Site No.28/A,28/B,28/C,31/B, and 31/C,formed in No.29,Assessment Khatha No.29 situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.184-uttarahalli, measuring (i) East to West : On the Northern Side 45 feet,on the Southern Side 45 Feet and North to South : on the Eastern Side 70 Feet and on the Western Side 55 Feet OR {(45+45)/2} X { (70+55)/2}, in all measuring 2812.5 Square Feet, AND (ii) East to West : On the Northern Side 40 Feet, on the Southern Side 40 Feet and North to South : On the Eastern Side 62.5 Feet and on the western Side 40 Feet OR {(40+40)/2} X {(62.5+40)/2} , in all measuring 2050 Square Feet, The aforesaid property totally measuring 4862.5 Square Feet, the said property is in "L" shape and is bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Road, South by : Site No.31 and No.28 The item No.1, item No.2, Item No.3 make up the schedule property (Entire Property).

Date : 07.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

The general public are hereby informed that my client has entered into an MOU for purchase of the Immovable Property in a layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority bearing Survey No.95/2 and 95/3 described in the Schedule hereunder from the legal heirs of Late Sri Munivenkatappa-
1. Swetha W/o Shivarama
2. Geetha M W/o Muralidhar B
3. Shruthi W/o Shivalinga
4. Rajashekar S/o Late Sri Munivenkatappa
at Kengeri (Hobli), Ramasandra, Sulikere, Bengaluru - Karnataka - 560 060.

Any person/s having any claim/rights/ title or interest in the Schedule Property or any objections for said sale of the property, may file their objections in writing, along with supporting documentary proof, addressed to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the said property and my client/s shall be advised to proceed with the purchase.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property in a layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority bearing Survey Number 95/2 and 95/3, situated at Ramasandra Village, 3rd Block, B Sector, Site number 1097, measuring North - South 18 meters, East - West 12 meters 216.00 Sq. meters and bounded as follows:

East : Site bearing No.1096, **West:** Site bearing no.1098, **North:** Road, **South:** Site bearing no.1099/G.

Sincerely, **Mr Dheeraj S J,** Advocate
No.296, Kamakshipalya, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560 079,
Mobile: +91 810520110.
E-mail: dheerajsj@hotmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner Viz. **Mrs.Nirmala Devi.L** W/o Mr.B.R.Ravi (owner of schedule property).

The said Owners assured my client that they are the absolute owners having absolute right, tittle, ownership, possession and enjoyment and They have every right to sell the Schedule Property in favour of my client and the Schedule Property is free from any encumbrance, leases, lien or hold and it has clear marketable tittle. If any person/s having any objection for the said sale transaction with respect to the schedule property he /she/ they make contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/lien details/dispute within (7) seven days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above said owners as if there is no third party claims/objections/ disputes with respect of the schedule properties and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

Schedule Property.

All the piece and parcel of Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.142 (Old Sy.No.67) measuring to an extant of 00-38 Guntas and 02 Guntas of Kharab situated atChinnakurchi Village, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore urban district and bounded on, East by: Land in Survey No. 67 belonging to Vinay R. West by : Land Bearing Sy.No. 68/5 & 68/6, North by : Land Bearing Sy.No. 114 (old Sy.no 67), South by Land Bearing Sy.No. 67

Chethan Kumar.S , Advocate,
#45, KG Lakkanahalli,
Lakshmipura(P), Dasanapura Hobli,
Bangalore North-562162
Ph:8088308088,9980514107

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

DEMAND NOTICE

FORM NO.14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/52/2025IN OA NO. 219/2019

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
SRI. LAKSHMI VENKATESHWARA MEDICALS AND GENERAL STORES & OTHERS

To

(CH) Union Bank Of India
(Earlier Corporation Bank)
Branch Office At No.36, 20th Main,
1st Stage, BTM Layout,
Bangalore-560068,Karnataka
. **Certificate Holder**

VS

(CD-1) Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Medicals And General Stores
Rep By Its Proprietor **Sri. P. V. Muniraju,**
No.2, No.510, 26th Main, 1st Phase,
2nd Stage, BTM Layout,
Bangalore - 560076, Karnataka.

(CD-2) Sri. P.v. Muniraju
S/o Sri. P. Venkatramani,
No./111, 11th Coss, 1st Main.
Hongasandra, Bommanahalli,
Bangalore-560068 Karnatka.

(CD-3) Sri. P. Chandrababu
S/o Sri. P. Govinda Chetty.
House No.2, 2nd Floor, 29th Main,
2nd B Cross, Madiwala, BTM 1 Stage,
Bangalore-560068. Karnataka
. **....Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT 2) in OA/219/2019** an amount of **Rs 26,80,138.00** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Eighty Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Eighty Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @12.60% simple Interest Monthly w.e.f. **01.02.2019** till realization and costs of **Rs.29,000/-**(Rupees Twenty Nine Thousand Only) has become due from certificate Debtors

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3.Your are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of receipt of this notice

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **28.03.2025**

Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that I, **Sri. H.L. Shivaram s/o Lingappa,** No. 622/17, behind M.H. College, Vivekanandanagar, Ramanagar, Karnataka – 562159, Mob : 9945439876 has lost **1)** Original General power of attorney executed by M. Madaiah s/o late Madappa, M. Puttamma w/o M. Madaiah, K.M. Renukaprasad s/o M. Madaiah, K.M. Prakash s/o M. Madaiah, K.M. Vishwanath s/o M. Madaiah, K.M. Renukamba D/o M. Madaiah all are residing at No.173, 14th cross, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560010 in favour of **1)** Sri. N.C. Shamnur s/o Channabasappa, No. 622/17, 13th cross, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560040, **2)** Sri. G. Rajanna s/o Gopalappa, No. 1089, 5th cross, 8th Main, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560040, **3)** Smt. S.M. Saroja w/o G. Rajanna, No. 1089, 5th cross, 8th Main, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560040 and **4)** Sri. M. Hanumantharaj s/o Murudappa, No. 622/17, 13th cross, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560040 in respect of Survey no. 213/1B of Kengeri Grama, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring 35 Guntas and 27 Guntas. I have lodged Complaint in that respect before the Kalasipalya Police station, Bangalore on 07.01.2026, vide Lost Report No. 1996977 / 2026. General public are hereby requested to handover the said lost documents if found and also it is hereby cautioned not to deal with any person in respect of the above mentioned property except with Sri. H.L. Shivaram s/o Lingappa If any personal / institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and Document, the said claims along with supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of the notice at the address mentioned below. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Sri. H.L. Shivaram s/o Lingappa,
No. 622/17, behind M.H. College,
Vivekanandanagar, Ramanagar,
Karnataka – 562159,
Mob : 9945439876

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to notice that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **Smt.LAKSHMAMMA,** W/o. Late. Ramachandrappa and her children **Sri. G.R.LOKESH, Sri.G.R.PRAKASH, Sri. R.SRINIVAS, Sri.G.R.SATISHA, and Smt.G.R.ANUSUYA,** all are residing at Goravigere Village, Kannamangala Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru.

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within **Ten (10) days** of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within **Ten (10) days** from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the aforesaid owners with respect to the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within **Ten (10) days** from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.102/3, old Sy.No.102/1** measuring **1 Acre 29 Guntas,** situated at **Goravigere Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District** and bounded on: -

East by : Remaining portion of land bearing Sy.No.102/1
West by : Remaining portion of land bearing Sy.No.102/1
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.82
South by : Road

G.V. Sudhakar, Advocate
No. 346/35, 12th Cross,
7th Main, 2nd Block, Jayanagar,
Bangalore -560011.
Ph:080-26660013, 9886359644
Ph: 8494926269

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA

e-mail - serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

Letter No.73 Date: 02/01/2026

1st Corrigendum

O-1960: In continuation to this office Bid Identification No. CCERWCSBD-Online-31/2025-26 invited vide this office Notice No.6235 Dtd.28.11.2025, partial modification of NCB has been made as follows:-

1. Availability of Tender online for bidding Extended up to **Dtd.29.01.2026 at 5.00 PM**
2. Date and Time of seeking tender clarification if any on or before **Dtd.28.01.2026 up to 2.00 PM**
3. Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid) **on Dtd.30.01.2026 at 11.00 AM.**
4. Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid) Will be intimated later.

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/Tr(Proj)/MYS/EEE(O)AE-1/2025-26/5393 Date: 06.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/PROJ/AE-1/DEO/25-26/2 Dt: 06.01.2026 for Outsourcing of Data Entry Operator Services on Contract Basis required to Transmission Projects Circle Mysuru and Projects Division offices KPTCL.**

The detailed regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **09.01.2026.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.), Transmission (Projects) Circle, KPTCL,1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR

(At/Po- Ambapua, Near Income Tax office, Berhampur-760011, Ganjam, Odisha), E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel No.:- 0680-2404287)

No. e-tender//85// RWC// BAM // Dated.06.01.2026
1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No.
Online Tender/53-2025-26/BPR

0-1964 : 1) The partial modification of Buildings works vide above identification has been made as follows.

1.	Date of availability of tender	::	**30.01.2026 to 13.02.2026 upto 5.30 PM** instead of 07.01.2026 to 21.01.2026 upto 5.30 PM.
2.	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	::	**11.02.2026 at 5.30 PM** instead of 19.01.2026 at 5.30 PM
3.	Date of opening of Technical Bid.	::	**16.02.2026 at 11.00 AM** instead of 22.01.2026 at 11.00 AM
4.	Date of opening of Financial Bid	::	Will be intimated later on.

All other contents will remain unchanged.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
R.W.Circle, Berhampur

Bank of Baroda
बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

Channapatna Branch

1st Floor, Makam Towers 2nd Main, Vivekananda Road, Ashoknagar, Mandya-571401, Tel: 91(8232)-220577. www.bankofbaroda.in

NOTICE TO BORROWER

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

'At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda, Channapatna Branch.** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mr. Pradeepa Govisiddaiah S/o Govisiddaiah, No.12, 7th Main, 7th Cross, DRC Post, Chika Adugodi, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560029.

Nature and type of facility	Limit	Rates of Interest as on 03.10.2024	Liability as on 10.12.2025
Home Loan A/c No: 67370600004630	Rs.44.00 lakhs	9.40%	Rs. 11,10,940.08 (O/s as on 09.12.2025) + Interest from 10.12.2025 + Other Charges.

Security agreement with brief description of securities: Document no and date : 7252/22-23, Survey/Katha/House/Site No. 152900102401520716, Extent area (in meters) East to West 12.192, North to South 9.144, Location/Sub District/District/Village/Municipality, Appagere village, Rampura Grama Panchayathi, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District. North : Property of 99/3, Site no.20, South : Property of 99/4 Site no.21, East : Property of 99/4 Site no. 19, West : 27 feet Road.

Amount Outstanding : Rs. 11,10,940.08 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Forty and Paise Eight Only) (O/s as on 09.12.2025) + Interest from 10.12.2025 + Other Charges.

NPA Date : 09.12.2025 **Demand Date : 10.12.2025**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 07.01.2026 **Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer**
Place : Mandya **Bank of Baroda**

TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.

N.H. – 206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 107.
Phone:0816-2206297/142/490/46, E-mail: tmupur99@gmail.com, Fax: 0816-2206760

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Tender Notification only through KPPP Portal)

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites KPPP Portal tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the listed below:

Sl. No.	KP PP Tender No. & Date	Materials Details	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/2025-26/IND1894 Date: 01.01.2026	Supply Of Freeze Dried Direct Vas Set Culture For Production Of 100 Lakh Kgs Of Curd On Annual Rate Contract Basis As Per Our Technical Specification.	90,000-00

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 03.02.2026 to 19.01.2026 / 2.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **19.01.2026 / 2.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (cover 1): **20.01.2026 / 2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Managing Director
For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA

e-mail - serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

Letter No.46 **2nd Corrigendum** **Date:02/01/2026**

O-1955: In continuation to this office Bid Identification No. CCERWCSBD-Online-24/2025-26 invited vide this office Notice No.5925 Dtd.15.11.2025, partial modification of NCB has been made as follows: -

1. Availability of Tender online for bidding Extended up to **Dtd.29.01.2026 at 5.00 PM**
2. Date and Time of seeking tender clarification if any on or before **Dtd.28.01.2026 up to 2.00 PM**
3. Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid) on **Dtd.30.01.2026 at 11.00 AM.**
4. Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid) Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.

Phone No: 08539 – 222318 email : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. PWD:DK:DB:KW-3:2025-26/3517 Date: 07.01.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-3 on **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal. **Head of Account: 3054 SH Maintenance and MDR Maintenance/2025-26.** Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on **Phone No. 08539 – 222318** and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Total No of Works:02 (Work Indent No: 29528, 29525)** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders **16-01-2026 Time 16.00**, Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid **17-01-2026 Time 16.30** and Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid **20-01-2026 Time 11.00**. Estimate Amount **Rs. 100.00 Lakhs** respectively. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Time for Tender Queries/Clarification, Date of Financial Bid Opening, Date & Other information as mentioned in KPPP Portal.

Note: A separate paper notification will not be issued in case of re-inviting of above mentioned tenders, any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal.

Sd/- EE PWD Division,Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/605/DeshpandePublicity/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that My Clients **Smt. Swathee Nanjudaswamy Poolakunta** aged about 49 years, W/o. Shri. Ellur Naga Shyam and **Shri. Ellur Naga Shyam,** aged About 55 Years, S/o. Shri. Prakasam Chetty Munirama Ellur, r/at No. 43, HIG, 9th Cross, 4th Main, KHB 2nd Stage, near Payal Apartments, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru- 560079 intends to purchase all that piece and parcel of the a flat located at apartment by name Varshini Residency, Flat No. 203, 2nd Floor, measuring about 1375 Sq. Ft. which is constructed at Site No. 15, 16, and 17, situated at 1st Main Road, 12th A Cross, Hanumagiri Layout in ward No. 55, Bengaluru Measuring: East to West : 45 Feet and North to South : 80 Feet, totally measuring: 3600 Sq. Ft (morefully described in the Schedule and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property") from Shri. Manoj Kumar N. Asrani, Aged About 42 Years, S/o. Shri. Narayan R. Asrani, r/at Mahaveer Sitara, Flat No. 412, Block C, 24th Main Road, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru- 560078.

Notice is hereby given to all the persons having any claim, right, title or interest in respect to the Schedule Property thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, mortgage, charge, trust, inheritance possession, lease, lien, or otherwise, howsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing along with supporting documents to the undersigned within a period of **07 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which My Clients shall proceed and purchase the Schedule Property and no subsequent claims by anybody shall be entertained and all such claims or objections will be deemed to be void and not binding on My Clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of 286 Sq. Ft. undivided right, title and interest in the land of 3600 Sq. Ft. bearing sites no. 15, 16 and 27 situated at **12th A Cross, 1st Main, Hanumagiri Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore,** within BBMP Limits, Ward No. 55 - Chikkalsandra, PID No. 55-731-15/8 along with Residential Apartment constructed known as **"VARSHINI RESIDENCY", bearing Flat No. 203,** Second Floor, having EPID No. 1085280309, having a Super built-up area of 1375 Sq. Ft. consisting of 03 (Three) bed rooms with (01) One Car Parking area and proportionate undivided share in the common area such as passage, lobbies, and bounded on:

East by: Site No. 10 and 13; West by: Road; North by: Road; South by: Site No. 15;

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Area of the Site: 286 Sq. Ft. (Undivided Share); Area of the Built-up Area: 1375 Sq. Ft.; Type of Building :Residential Flat; Roof of the Building: R.C.C; Wall of the Building: Concrete Blocks; Floor of the Building: Marble Flooring; Wood used in Fixtures: Jungle Wood;

Ashok Bannidinni
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No. 1162, 1st Floor, Near Hanumanthanagar, Police Station, Bengaluru -560050
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.CGM(Tech)/DGM(PROC&APCC)/EE(PROC)-4/AEE5/2025-26/5302-316 Date: 07.01.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites Bids on electronic mode for the following work against following Enquiry Number:

Enquiry number/ Name of the Work
KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3115
Replacement of 2x100MVA, 220/66/11kV Power Transformers by 2x150 MVA, 220/66/11kV Power transformers at 220kV Kadavinakote sub-station in Holenarasipura Taluk & Hasan District on Total Turnkey basis including Supply of all Materials/ equipments, Mandatory Spares, Erection (Including dismantling and Civil Works) of all materials/equipments, Testing and Commissioning.
Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **26.01.2026 @ 15:00 hrs.**

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **10.01.2026**. **Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal**. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/-, Chief General Manager (Tech.),
Corporate Office, KPTCL, 2nd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan,
Bengaluru – 560 009.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE

4th Floor, BSNL Building, Near Cubbon Park Metro, Bengaluru - 560001

O.A.NO.705/2024

BETWEEN
STATE BANK OF INDIA **APPLICANT**
AND
MR SATYANARAYAN SINGH **RESPONDENT**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(VII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

TO

1. Mr Satyanaraya Singh S/o Sri Raghunath Singh No.377/1,3rd Cross,1st Stage Gayathripuram Near Chamundi Vihar Stadium Mysuru 570019

Also at No.11,1st Cross, 3rd Main Kanaka Layout, B S K 2nd Stage Near Kaderehallil Petrol Pump Bengaluru 560070

WHEREAS the applicant herein has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Debts Due to Banks and Financial institution Act, 1993 against you before this Hon'ble Tribunal for recovery of a sum of Rs.60,32,221/-(Rupees Sixty Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty one only) with respects to A/C No.36769955337 as on 27.10.2023 together with current and Future interest at the rate of 9.150% in A/C No.36769955337 with monthly rests and penal interest at the rate of 2% p.a., and from 07.02.2024 till the date of payment/realization in full:

You are hereby requested to Show Cause in this Tribunal personally or by a pleader/ advocate duly instructed within 30 days or on 30/01/2026 at 10:30 AM as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 29-09-2025

SEAL

OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, BANGALORE

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE 30th ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE AT BENGALURU [CCH-31] - P & SC No. 661 of 2025

BETWEEN:Sathish Kumar S,S/o Late S. S. Subba Krishnaiah & Late Smt. Kumudavathi Age: about 64 years.Residing at: 2354, 24th Main, HSR Layout, Sector-1, Bengaluru -560102
Aadhar: 3156 6977 6660. ...PETITIONER VS
.NIL ..RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Petitioner named above have filed a Petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, seeking Grant of Succession Certificate in respect of the share certificates, securities, bank deposits, and other investments detailed in Schedule-1, belonging to the deceased:

Late **Sri. Kumaresh S,** S/o Late S.Subba Krishnaiah & Late Kumudavathi, who died intestate on 21.11.1998 at Bengaluru, said deceased has No legal heirs are alive. His parents have also died long back. The only surviving members are this Petitioner who is the brother to the Late **Sri.Kumaresh S.**

All persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the deceased are hereby called upon to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through a pleader duly instructed **on 23.01.2026 at 11:00 A.M.,** when the matter will be heard and determined.

If no such appearance is made, the Petition will be heard and orders will be passed in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE-1 (Shares & Securities)

Sl. No.	Company Name	Folio No.	No. of Shares	Value (Rs)
1.	Aravind Ltd./Mills	65274	90	28,800
2.	Raymond Ltd	Z67211	100	4,00,000
3.	Grasim Industries Ltd	GR525468	10	54,000
4.	Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals corporation Limited	0557019	100	18,000
5.	Deepak fertilizers and Petro Chemicals limite	DF126618	75	1,05,000
6	Ashok Leyland Ltd	112627	12	33,840
7.	Shriram Finance	ST015334	228	1,82,400
8.	Shriram Finance	S7031223	171	1,36,800
9.	Franklin India	13935632	–	20,000
10.	Aptech Ltd	S14040	36	36,000
11.	United Breweries	U5052508	50	5,00,000

Total Approximate Value: **Rs. 15,14,840/-B)** Other movable and immovable properties if any. The above Holdings/Securities and Shares mentioned in Schedule - 1 Stand in the name of the **Late Sri. Kumaresh S,** S/o Late S.Subba Krishnaiah & Late Kumudavathi

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the 7th-JAN-2026

Advocate for petitioner
Office at No:471, 1st Floor, 55th Cross,
3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010

By Order Of The Court, Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement Portal (Website URL: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**) for below mentioned works:

VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

(1) No.: KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3824, dated 02.01.2026 for **Jungle clearance at the store yard premises and disposal of debris to be carried out during on or after monsoon and summer seasons.** Last date and time for submission of bid is **17.01.2026 up to 16.30 hrs. EMD: Rs. 4,474/-.**

(2) No.: KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3833, dated 01.01.2026 for **Repair/re-conditioning of damaged/worn out turbine spares of VUGPH.** Last date and time for submission of bid is **15.01.2026 up to 16.00 hrs. EMD: Rs. 51,924/-.**

Further details can be had for the **Sl. No.1:** Executive Engineer (MSP)H, Ph: 8259 288643 / Mob: 9141621074, **Sl. No. 2:** Executive Engineer (Turbine), Mobile: 9141621259, Varahi, KPCL, Varahi Hydro Electric Project, Hosangadi-576282, Kundapur Taluk, Udupi Dist.

SHARAVATHY HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT

(1) No.: KPCL/2025-26/IND2315, dated 01.01.2026 for **Supply of various types of Cutting Tools, Spanners, Drill Bits, Hammers etc., required for Sharavathi Valley Project Power Houses, Jogfalls-577 435.** Last date and time for submission of tenders: **16.01.2026 up to 16.30 hrs. EMD: Rs. 23,012/-.**

(2) No.: KPCL/2025-26/IND2321, dated 02.01.2026 for **Supply of MFM, DC change over relays, TNC switch, Group Selection switch and auxillary relays suitable for existing system at Sharavathi Generating Station, Jogfalls-577 435.** Last date and time for submission of tenders: **19.01.2026 up to 16.30 hrs. EMD: Rs. 8,098/-.**

Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (MSP)J, KPCL, Jogfalls-577 435, Dist.Shimoga, Mobile: 9449598847.

SHIMSHA HYDRO POWER STATION

(1) No.: KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3635/Call-2, dated 01.01.2026 for **Design, supply, installation & commissioning of Automatic High pressure Co2 Flooding System for Fire Suppression/ Protection for Two Units of 2x8.6MW Capacity Generators at Shimsha Hydro Electri Station.** Last date and time for submission of tenders: **14.01.2026 up to 16.00 hrs. EMD: Rs. 47,958/-.**

Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (O&M) SHIMSHA, KPCL, Shimshapura-571430, Malavalli Tq, Mandya Dist., Mob: 9902835577.

GHATAPRABHA DAM POWER HOUSE

(1) No.: KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3620/Call-3, dated 05.01.2026 for **Servicing of EHGC and HMC (type G-40-K) of Unit 1 & 2 at GDPH.** Last date for submission of Bids: **12.01.2026 up to 17.00 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (O&M) GDPH, KPCL, Hidkal Dam-591107. Mob.: 9480381347.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER CALL-2 (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6)/9(1)]*(*Retain whichever is applicable) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Constructive(whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Hosurbranch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **30.01.2026 is Rs. 68,56,803/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lac Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Three Only) (as on 06.01.2026)** due to the Indian Bank, Hosur branch, Secured Creditor, from **Mr. KN Ramachandran (Borrower)** Add: D4, Chandana Apartment 82, Infantry Road, Bangalore 01 & **Mr. Narendra Hegde (Guarantor)** its address at 138, I Block III Main, RMV II Stage, Bangalore Pin-560094

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property	Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of residential properties bearing Old No: 82, 82/1 and 82/3, New No. 82 situated in infantry road, Bangalore 560001 in Corporation Division No. 70, the site measuring in all about 27197 sq ft and the common passages attached thereto for entry into the property and the property is bounded on with the following boundaries: East- Krishniah chetty property Cutchi Menon Union and Safina plazag Main Guard Road, West- Sivadarshan Apartment on Infantry road, Mrs Dharamraja Pvt Property & Private property facing indantry cross road, North- Private Property No. 6 to 10 on Hospital road, South- Copper Arch shopping complex & Infantry road **Schedule B (Mortgaged property)** 998 sq ft being the share of undivided right & interest in the schedule A property given here as above and the residential flat in the 2nd and mezzanine floor of the construction named as Chandana Apartments and residential flat No. D4 (Flat No. D-4 in second and mezzanine floor) measuring super built up area is 1920 sq ft consisting of two bedrooms, two covered car parking space in the basement to be numbered as D4 and private terrace area measuring about 402 sqft to be used as Terrace garden only. The flat having 1380 sqft of Mosaic flooring and 580 sq ft of Marble flooring The BBMP PID No 79-43-82/19
Encumbrances on property, if any	NIL
Reserve Price	**Rs.2,30,00,000 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Laksh Only)**
EMD Amount	**Rs.23,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Three Laksh Only)**
Bid incremental amount	**Rs. 50,000/-**
Date and time of e-auction	**Date: 30.01.2026 Time : 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM**
Property ID No.	IDIB085596901701
Account Details:	Account Number: 6163416884 Account Name: E-auction IFSC: IDIB000K052

Last Date of EMD Submission: On or before end time of E-auction

Date & Time of E-auction: 30.01.2026 (Friday) from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM with unlimited auto extension of 10 minutes

Note: The amount of EMD-10% of Bid amount should be paid through https://baanknet.com website and the balance amountof sale price should be paid through the Account number in the sale notice.

Bidders are advised to visit the website (https://baanknet.com) of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance, please call 8291220220. For Registration status and EMD status, please email tosupport.baanknet@psballiance.com.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions,please visit: https://baanknet.com and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd, Contact No.8291220220.

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with https://baanknet.com

Date : 07.01.2026
Place : Hosur **Authorised Officer**

Contact Person: 1. (Authorized Officer & Branch Manager : Satish Kumar Contact: 9442625787)

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 40-1-127, 128 and129 RIBG, 4th Floor, Murali Chambers, M.G. Road, Vijayawada - 520010

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Kavali Nagendra Babu (Borrower) Account No. TBNEL00006508281/ LBNEL00006537241	Sree Pottisreeramulu Nellore District, Nelloore Registration District office, Indukurupet, Sub Registrar Nellore Municipal corporation area, Gudipallipadu area, Survey No.234, 236/1, Ac 13-84 cents, Survey No.228, 232, 233, Ac 10.66 cents, total Ac.24.50 cents land along with the land of others, total land is divided into Plots as per layout plan by Nellore Urban Development for housing purpose, FLP NO 3/2021/ 1031/ NUDA/DPMS is approved . As per the layout plan "Anjani Gardens" In 'A' Block Plots according to Survey reports in survey Number 234 Plot No.99 with area 25 Ankanas or 200 Sqyds vacant land and its boundaries:- East: Plot No.100 , this direction measurement is 30' -0" Feet South: in Anjani Gardens Extension layout Plot No.20, this direction measurement is 60' -0" Feet West: 12 Metres Wide layout Road, this direction measurement is 30'-0" Feet North: Plot No.98 this direction measurement is 60' -0" Feet Between these boundaries 25 Ankanas or 200 Sq.yds Vacant land.	Rs. 21,70, 397.22/- (as on December 19, 2025)	Rs. 21,00, 000/- / Rs.2,10, 000/-	February 06, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	February 16, 2026 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the https://assets.matexauctions.com of our auction agency Matex Technologies Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by February 13, 2026 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd. 40-1-127,128 and129 RIBG, 4th Floor, Murali Chambers, M.G. Road, Vijayawada- 520010 on or before February 13, 2026 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before February 13, 2026 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd. 40-1-127, 128 and129 RIBG, 4th Floor, Murali Chambers, M.G. Road , Vijayawada- 520010 on or before February 13, 2026 before 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/ PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Vijayawada.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8008999536 / 9326713629.

Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. Matex Technologies Private Limited and 2. Cardekho have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : January 08, 2026 Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore ICICI Bank Limited

EDITORIAL

There are those who believe that destiny rests on the knees of the gods; but the truth is that it confronts the conscience of man with a burning challenge

Eduardo Galeano

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— Ramnath Goenka

GDP GROWTH BUOYANT, BUT GLOBAL TENSIONS WEIGH ON THE FUTURE

THE Indian economy is expected to grow by 7.4 percent in 2025-26 as against 6.5 percent the year before, according to the first advance estimates. The projection exceeds the government's initial estimate of 6.3-6.8 percent, but is in line with the RBI's revised estimate of 7.3 percent. Buoyant growth in services and manufacturing sector helped the economy register a real gross value added growth of 7.3 percent. The biggest setback, however, came from the primary sector comprising agriculture, allied segments, mining and quarrying, which together saw a dismal growth of 2.7 percent, as against 4.4 percent last year. While agriculture's growth moderated to 3.1 percent from 4.6 percent, mining and quarrying suffered a decline of -0.7 percent, as against last year's 2.7 percent growth. Within the industrial sector, construction growth slowed to 7 percent from 9.4 percent, while electricity and other utilities saw moderate growth. Manufacturing and construction turned in 7 percent each—way below their potential.

Apart from the heart-warming headline growth numbers, the estimates stand out for two other reasons. One, this is the final GDP-related data release on the 2011-12 base year; the second advance estimates next month will be based on a new national accounts series. Two, in absolute numbers, real GDP is expected to cross ₹200 lakh crore in 2025-26. But much before Wednesday's data dispatch, the finance ministry took the applause last month for overtaking Japan. With GDP valued at $4.18 trillion, it noted that India had become the world's fourth largest economy and was poised to displace Germany in about three years with a projected GDP of $7.3 trillion by 2030. However, the IMF punctured those beliefs stating that India's GDP would edge past Japan's $4.46 trillion only in 2026.

What's also concerning are the prevailing geopolitical tensions, which cast a doubt on whether India can sustain the growth momentum next fiscal. As the RBI noted last month, India is currently in a rare 'Goldilocks phase' of high growth and low inflation, but that could change if global demand slows or crude oil prices rise. Much depends on how India navigates the diplomatic tightrope with the US, which insists on cutting down on cheap Russian oil. Though exports held up in 2025-26, the sector will be under pressure in the absence of a trade deal with the US this year.

TN NEEDS MORE REVENUES TO FUND PENSION SCHEME

IN a politically sensitive pre-election move, the DMK government has announced the Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS), covering nearly 6.25 lakh state government employees. Ever since the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) replaced the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) in 2004, employees have agitated for a rollback, arguing that CPS removed the certainty of an assured pension for those who joined service after 2003.

Chief Minister M K Stalin has taken a call that successive governments avoided for over two decades, deterred by the long-term fiscal burden. The announcement came days before an indefinite strike by government employees demanding restoration of OPS—a promise the DMK itself made in 2021. By introducing TAPS, the government has opted for a middle path. Structured as a hybrid of OPS and the Centre's Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) launched in 2025, TAPS guarantees a pension of at least 50 per cent of the last-drawn salary, while requiring employees to contribute 10 per cent of basic pay and dearness allowance, as under UPS.

The compromise, however, carries a significant price tag. The scheme will require a one-time outlay of about ₹13,000 crore and annual contributions of roughly ₹11,000 crore, a liability that will grow over time. The opposition has dismissed the move as an election gimmick, pointing to Tamil Nadu's debt-to-GSDP ratio, now above 26 per cent. The government has countered by arguing that its borrowings remain within the limits set by the 15th Finance Commission, while also accusing the Centre of steadily encroaching on states' fiscal autonomy. It has cited the state's robust GSDP growth of 11.19 per cent—the highest in the country—to argue that borrowing has been deployed to sustain economic growth.

Significantly, the government has set January 1, 2027 as the implementation date, allowing time to manage the fiscal impact. While employee unions have welcomed TAPS, they have demanded an earlier rollout. The government may be able to persuade them on timing. But honouring the promise will ultimately depend on strengthening the state's revenue position—by plugging tax leakages, widening the base and improving collections, particularly in sectors such as mining. That fiscal discipline will be indispensable, provided the DMK returns to power.

QUICK TAKE

STEPS TO WATCH

TODAY, two Nasa astronauts will step out of the International Space Station to stage 2026's first spacewalk. Mike Fincke and Zena Cardman will venture into the blackness to fix hardware and install a kit while the whole structure hurtles along at 28,000 kilometres per hour. As we have stated before, interest in space programmes can push generations of students towards science—something India needs to foster. Those interested in the Gaganyaan mission, which has an uncrewed flight planned late this year, and Bharatiya Antariksh Station, whose work is set to start in 2028, should keep their eyes on Nasa's YouTube channel at 6.30 pm to know what future Indian missions might look like. If you miss it today, you can tune in just a week later, when the next spacewalk is scheduled.

Trump's narcissism seems emboldened by his audacious removal of the Venezuelan president. India, which is on a good wicket of its own at the moment, should bat on confidently

THE UNPREDICTABLE MAN WHO TURNS ON WEAK NEIGHBOURS

K M CHANDRASEKHAR

Former Cabinet Secretary and author of *As Good as My Word: A Memoir*

SOURAV ROY

THE new year has begun with a military adventure. In a move that stunned the world, the established government of Venezuela was overthrown, and President Nicolás Maduro and his wife were dragged from their beds in Caracas, flown to the US, and imprisoned in New York. Not since the invasion of Iraq has the US made such an aggressive geopolitical gesture.

Yet, even the Iraq campaign was less crassly executed. When George W Bush sought to avenge the assassination attempt on his father by Saddam Hussein, he at least constructed the pretext of 'weapons of mass destruction' and assembled a multinational coalition with Britain, Australia and Poland. In Venezuela, there was no such cover. Declaring Maduro the chief of a cocaine ring, Trump captured the leadership and exulted in his victory over a smaller, weaker Latin American neighbour—one that happens to possess the world's largest oil reserves.

Psychologists might argue this aligns with the diagnosis of 'malignant narcissism'—a blend of narcissism, antisocial behaviour, paranoia and sadism—attributed to Trump by psychologists. In Trump's mind, no predecessor—not Biden, Clinton or Obama, not even George Washington or Abraham Lincoln—can match him. He initially sought to subdue the world through punitive tariffs, though the efficacy of this economic warfare remains debatable. It is likely the American consumer suffered most, evidenced by the quiet withdrawal of tariff hikes on over 200 food products. While US inflation hovers between 2.8 percent and 3 percent, many economists argue it would have cooled further without his protectionist levies.

Initially, Trump indulged his narcissism through a crusade for the Nobel Peace Prize. He claimed credit for preventing conflicts globally, including the short India-Pakistan war—a claim India firmly repudiated. During his angry election campaign, he vowed the Ukraine war would end the day he assumed office. Yet, the reality is starkly different. Russia continues near-daily missile strikes on Ukraine's energy grid, leaving civilians freezing while its forces press forward with the objective of capturing Kupyansk by February.

Having largely failed in his mission of making the world kowtow to him by unilaterally imposing tariffs and in his mission to make Russia capitulate by ending their war against Ukraine, Trump has now turned to using his military to crush weak countries. He claims to have taken Venezuela, which he says will now be under American control until the situation is to his liking. The Venezuelan Vice President, Delcy Rodríguez, went on television and demanded the immediate release of Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores, calling Maduro "the only president of Venezuela". It is yet to be seen how Trump will establish his dominance over Venezuela in the days to come. He has even threatened American boots on the ground if Rodríguez "doesn't do what is right". She has subsequently toned down her rhetoric.

Trump's ambitions appear boundless. In typical style, he also warned Colombian President Gustavo Petro to "watch his back", stating that "a sick man governs Colombia" and "Operation Colombia sounds good to me". He reiterated that "we do need Greenland absolutely" and "Cuba is ready to fall" in the absence of Venezuelan oil. If the Trump of 2025 was a peace-seeker chasing a Nobel, the Trump of 2026 is on a warpath. A resource-based neo-colonialism is taking shape, placing Latin America in grave peril.

Global condemnation has been mixed. China and Russia denounced the invasion but are unlikely to intervene; Beijing is focused on economic growth and internal anti-corruption drives, while the Ukraine war consumes Moscow. Brazilian President Lula da Silva stated the US crossed "an unacceptable line", a sentiment echoed by Spain, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Uruguay. Conversely, Argentina and Ecuador seem overjoyed.

Where does India stand on this flagrant violation of sovereignty? As has been the practice of our foreign ministry lately, we chose to play it safe while dealing with the US. Our boldness seems reserved for neighbours, where we invent new forms of "cricket diplomacy"—refusing to allow players in the IPL or preventing players from shaking hands. On global aggression, we prefer to remain mute like bureaucrats in uncertain situations.

We began 2025 with optimism. Prime Minister Modi's "close friend" was back in the White House. We perhaps overestimated that intimacy, just as Trump underestimated India's resilience. Trump's policy is transactionally predatory: he seeks to expropriate resources, whether Venezuelan oil or Indian market access. He viewed India merely as a dumping ground for US agricultural goods, miscalculating the strength of Indian democracy and its farmers. Modi himself learned this lesson in 2021, when he was forced to repeal market-friendly agricultural reforms—introduced initially during the pandemic—after facing the uncompromising ferocity of farmers in North India on the cusp of the Uttar Pradesh elections.

Nor is the situation such that India has to yield to pressure from the US or any other country. In 2025, India's economy experienced what analysts termed a 'Goldilocks moment'—a rare period of high growth and low inflation. Foreign exchange reserves are at an all-time high. The tweak in economic policy towards the demand side, rather than exclusively the supply side—effected over the last couple of years and, hopefully, further strengthened this year—has resulted in burgeoning domestic demand. Inflation has not grown out of control. Despite Trump's tariffs, exports have been healthy.

The Venezuelan situation need not affect the oil market unduly, as sanctions have reduced flows from the country to a trickle, a factor already priced in by buyers. Politically, the PM is in a strong position domestically, with the opposition divided and the Congress in disarray except in states with firm coalitions, such as Kerala. His foreign policy remains somewhat uncertain, and the BRICS coalition, which could resist hegemonic forces, has not yet put forward concrete measures to stabilise the global economy.

In the final analysis, we would do well to remember that Trump is an 'episodic man', as American psychologist Dan McAdams described him. He shifts from episode to episode without memory of the past or worries about the future. We need to closely monitor the evolving global situation and adjust our policies to outmanoeuvre an unpredictable man.

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THE BOOSTS NEEDED FROM BUDGET

CHANDRAJIT BANERJEE

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DEVELOPING human capital will be at the heart of India's journey towards a Viksit Bharat at 2047. As we approach the Union Budget for 2026-27, a coherent strategy linking education, health, employment and skill development is essential. These pillars form the architecture of a productive, resilient and inclusive society, one that can sustain high growth and global competitiveness over the coming decades.

A healthy and skilled population is central to realising India's potential as a knowledge-driven, innovation-led economy. Strengthening the health system is a natural starting point. A more decentralised, outcome-linked financing model where central transfers are tied to measurable improvements would allow states greater autonomy while ensuring accountability and real-time monitoring. This approach can help ensure that every rupee spent on health yields tangible results on the ground.

Equally important is addressing the acute shortage of healthcare professionals. Enforcing quality standards under the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010 through certified professionals supported on an interim basis by the central health regulators NABH and NHA can help raise standards nationwide. At the same time, India must make healthcare careers more aspirational. Structured pathways for task-shifting, where routine clinical responsibilities are reassigned to trained doctors, nurses, and allied health practitioners can alleviate specialist shortages. This should be complemented with civil services-recognised upskilling routes and expanded opportunities for senior secondary students and graduates to enter the healthcare ecosystem through clear progression ladders.

Modernising regulatory frameworks is also essential. A single national licence for online healthcare players covering e-pharmacies, e-diagnostics, and digital clinics would bring long-needed clarity. Updated provisions under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act for telemedicine and digital therapeutics, alongside tax parity for e-hospitals, will ensure that India's evolving health-tech ecosystem is supported by contemporary rules.

On the education front, India needs a predictable, long-term expenditure roadmap. A phased increase in public spending from 4.6 percent of GDP in 2026-27 to 6 percent by 2030-31 would provide the financial foundation needed to strengthen schools, teacher training and research. A national task-force on education technology and inclusion can accelerate the adoption of public-private partnership models for platforms such as DIKSHA and SWAYAM, while also helping modernise curriculums and expand high-quality digital content.

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To achieve a Viksit Bharat by 2047, India needs a bigger healthy and skilled workforce. For that, the upcoming Union Budget should invest more in education and health. Focused missions, industry tie-ups and streamlined regulation would also be necessary

Higher education, too, warrants a shift from prescriptive regulations to principle-based advisory. Allowing institutions to self-declare adherence to regulatory guidelines can promote autonomy and global best practices. India should also move decisively to facilitate the entry of foreign university campuses through streamlined approvals, stronger industry linkages, and scholarship-backed access for students replicating Gujarat's GIFT City education hub model in other regions.

Creating jobs at scale will require fresh thinking in employment and skilling. A comprehensive national policy for the gig economy can help extend social protection, strengthen worker registration systems, and ensure continuity of benefits across platforms. Pilot urban employment guarantee programmes in select cities can provide short-term work opportunities while boosting civic infrastructure.

Expanding apprenticeships is another high-impact lever. A service sector apprenticeship programme covering hospitality, logistics, retail, healthcare, and financial services can offer 12-18 month fixed-term pathways combining on-the-job training, digital skills modules and recognised certification. Industry-led consortia can help smaller businesses to participate effectively by offering curriculum support and shared training facilities.

For the long term, India must prepare its workforce for future industries. A Future Skills 2047 Mission to train or reskill 10 million youth annually in areas such as AI, robotics, clean energy, biotechnology and semiconductors will be crucial. Cluster-based integrated skill development centres aligned to regional industry needs can serve as the backbone of this mission.

Women's economic participation remains one of India's biggest untapped opportunities. Investments in childcare, safe and reliable transport, and affordable accommodation can help bring millions of women into the workforce and strengthen household incomes and productivity.

Finally, a universal labour information management system linked to the National Career Service can serve as a unified employment-intelligence layer. When combined with an integrated skilling dashboard, drawing real-time data from state missions and government portals, it can allow policymakers, employers, and workers to navigate labour markets with unprecedented precision.

As India stands at a defining moment in its development journey, the upcoming Union Budget provides a crucial opportunity to act on these priorities that the Confederation of Indian Industry has submitted in its pre-budget proposals. By linking health financing to outcomes, investing in education and research, and empowering women and youth through skills, we can lay the foundation for a globally competitive, equitable and future-ready workforce—one capable of driving the nation towards Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

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Workers' woes

Ref: *Labour rules* (Jan 7). The proposed rules risk eroding hard-won rights. By omitting standard eight-hour workdays and complicating strike procedures, the draft prioritises industrial flexibility over worker welfare. We must ensure that reforms protect the dignity of our workforce, not just ease business operations.
Vaasavi Verma, Bengaluru

State's duty

Ref: *Impractical deadlines* (Jan 7). It's typical of governments in India to follow rules in breach and turn a Nelson's eye to violations. Pollution control is state responsibility, for which on-road vigilance and effective measures are crucial. Rather than oscillating between extremes, consistency should be maintained.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Morality's strength

Ref: *The 'foreign hand' that made Indira paranoid* (Jan 7). Morality is what enabled humanity to rise above all other creatures. Yet, in today's world, this very principle is often dismissed and regarded as an instrument of the weak. As this troubling trend intensifies, the prospect of a peaceful global future becomes increasingly elusive.
Muhammed Minhaj, Thamarassery

AI saturation

Ref: *Frontier tech in a bubble wrap* (Jan 7). We are witnessing a modern-age space race, with servers replacing rockets. The front-runners belong to the US tech ecosystem and chip giants. However, the AI bubble is limited by data and hardware, and will soon be corrected when investors have to confront saturation.
Mayank Maleta, email

Feeding contempt

Ref: *Another Hindu man killed in B'desh* (Jan 7). It's evident that deliberate acts of killing at regular intervals to feed media and keep sentiments on the boil are being perpetrated. It's only increasing hostility between the neighbours. Some powers are profiting by feeding this contempt.
Rajan Ugra, Bengaluru

Addressing leaders

Ref: *BJP introduces new protocol* (Jan 7). The diktat of the BJP to its leaders and cadres to address Nitin Nabin not by name but by using language that dignifies his office exposes feudalistic traits. Left partymen, who address each other as 'comrade', have much better discipline and coherence.
Ayyasseri Raveendranath, Pathanamthitta

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
Donald Trump says PM Modi spoke such to him. This is genuflection. The Modi administration has kowtowed before Washington in an abject surrender to their terms.

Saket Gokhale MP @SaketGokhale
Jaishankar holds his breath whenever Trump speaks. So does Modi. No one's buying this "laal aankh" nonsense about the most incompetent foreign minister we've ever had.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
Bengal's Hindus are awake and furious. 2026 will deliver justice. Sanatan will rise. Mamata's radical empire is destined to crumble.

1st phase of Census to start on April 1 with house survey

Enumerators will visit households to obtain data on basic amenities

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday notified the first phase of the Census of India 2027, involving houselisting operations between April and September 2026, followed by population enumeration in 2027.

As per the formal notification, state and Union Territory governments will carry out House Listing and Housing Census from April 1, 2026, to September 30. This phase records only details about houses and basic amenities.

Earlier, on June 16, 2025, the government had notified in the Gazette that the Census 2027 will be conducted in two phases. The government has set the reference date at 00:00 hours on March 1, 2027.

The second phase, Population Enumeration (PE), will be held in February 2027. In the UT of Ladakh and the snowbound regions of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the PE will instead take place in September 2026, due to the prevailing climatic conditions there. In this phase, demographic, socio-economic, cultural and other details of every person in each household will be collected.

Census 2027 to be 16th since independence

Census 2027 will be the 16th Census of India and the eighth since Independence, covering the entire population and providing granular village-, town-, and ward-level data on housing, amenities, demography, education, economic activity, migration, and more. The exercise is governed by the Census Act, 1948, and the Census Rules, 1990.

The Union Cabinet has already approved ₹11,718 crore for conducting the gigantic task. The last nationwide Census was carried out in 2011, with the 2021 round postponed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This round of population counting will be historical on many counts. For the first time, it will be conducted in a digital format, using mobile applications for data collection. Additionally, self-enumeration will be allowed shortly before houselisting operations begin, offering convenience and accuracy in data gathering. This time, caste data will be collected—another first. Implemented by 30 lakh enumerators, this digital census aims to provide a comprehensive demographic snapshot, critically contributing to policymaking and resource allocation.

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POLITICAL SCAPE

Rahul compares Trump remarks on Modi with Indira's moment in '71

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AGAINST the backdrop of US President Donald Trump's recent remarks on his ties with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and tariffs, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday took a dig at the Government alleging that Modi "surrendered" after a call from Washington during the India-Pakistan military conflict in May.

Taking on the Government, Gandhi posted an old video on 'X' in which he had talked about how in 1971 the then PM Indira Gandhi had withstood pressure from America. "Understand the difference)," he wrote with the clip. Gandhi had said that Indira Gandhi didn't budge in the 1971 war despite the US sending its Seventh Fleet. Sharing a video of Trump's remarks, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh also took a swipe at the PM. "From Namaste Trump to Howdy Modi to Donald bhai and now this. What next?" Ramesh said on X.

On Tuesday, Trump said PM Modi is "not that happy with me" because of the tariffs imposed by the US on Delhi for purchase of Russian oil.

Trump, delivering remarks at the House GOP Member Retreat, also claimed that "Prime Minister Modi came to see me, 'Sir, may I see you please'. Yes….I have a very good relationship with him. He's not that happy with me because you know they're paying a lot of tariffs now because they're not doing the oil, but they are, they've now reduced it very substantially, as you know, from Russia," Trump said.

Trump has imposed 50% tariffs on India, including 25% for its purchases of Russian oil. He also said that India told him it has been waiting for five years for the Apache helicopters.

Trump's remarks

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BJP ready with massive rejig plan as Nabin seeks to bring in young faces

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

WITH the appointment of the youngest working national president, Nitin Nabin, aged about 45, a position never held by someone so young in the party earlier, the BJP is likely to make several key organisational changes between mid-January and February, both at the national level and across some state units, to make the organisational system more effective and streamlined for future challenges.

The BJP, which has given priority to leaders from the Yuva Morcha for significant organisational responsibilities and other roles, is abuzz with speculation that, in line with PM Narendra Modi's vision of tapping the potential of Yuva Shakti, the party may once again consider young faces for key organisational posts, including national general secretaries and positions in other morchas(fronts).

"There would first be confirmation of working national president as we expect after January 14 and by February, followed by some key changes in the organisation in coming days," said a source, adding that new faces are expected to be given important roles.

Nabin's appointment as the organisation's apex leader, now serving as working national president and widely expected to be confirmed as the full-fledged national president in the coming days, has generated a new sense of enthusiasm and rekindled hope among the party's young and hard-working cadre.

Sources told this newspaper on Wednesday that several new faces may be inducted into the pool of senior national general secretaries and secretaries, as well as appointed to key positions in the party's various wings.

A senior leader said PM Modi's vision of bringing one lakh youth into politics is gaining fresh momentum.

India concerned about Venezuela: EAM

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

NEW Delhi continues with its cautious, tightly worded response to the dramatic political upheaval in Venezuela, where former president Nicolás Maduro has been jailed in New York following a US military operation. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday said India was "concerned" about the developments in Venezuela and urged all parties to prioritise the safety and well-being of the Venezuelan people. Speaking at an event in Luxembourg, Jaishankar avoided directly referring to the United States or its military action, instead stressing dialogue and humanitarian considerations.

"We are concerned at the developments, but we would really urge all the parties involved to now sit down and come to a position which is in the interest of the well-being and the safety of the people of Venezuela," he said.

Jaishankar said that India's primary concern was that the Venezuelan people emerge from the crisis unharmed. "At the end of the day, that is our concern — that we would want Venezuela, a country with whom over many, many years we've had very good relations, and its people, to come out well from whatever is the direction of events," he added.

'Want people's wellbeing'

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The crisis erupted after US forces carried out sudden strikes in Caracas on January 3, capturing Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, and flying them to the United States. The operation followed months of threats by former US president Donald Trump, who has accused Maduro of running drug cartels and engaging in narco-terrorism.

Maduro and Flores, now lodged in a Brooklyn jail, appeared before a Manhattan court on Monday. Maduro pleaded not guilty to federal drug trafficking charges, declaring himself the "president of my country" and insisting he was "innocent, not guilty, and a decent man."

PM, NETANYAHU TALK GAZA PEACE EFFORTS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on phone, who briefed him on the implementation of the Gaza Peace Plan, as the two leaders reiterated their shared commitment to combating terrorism and strengthening the India-Israel strategic partnership.

According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the conversation began with both leaders exchanging New Year greetings and wishing "peace and prosperity" to the people of India and Israel. Netanyahu provided Modi with an update on the Gaza Peace Plan amid continuing instability in the region.

"The Prime Minister reaffirmed India's consistent support for efforts towards a just and durable peace in the region," the PMO said.

The two leaders identified key priorities to deepen bilateral cooperation in the coming year, guided by what the PMO described as "shared democratic values, deep mutual trust and a forward-looking vision." India and Israel have expanded cooperation across defence, technology, agriculture and counter-terrorism in recent years. A strong emphasis was placed on security concerns, with both leaders reiterating a zero-tolerance approach towards terrorism. "They reiterated their zero-tolerance approach towards terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and reaffirmed their commitment to fight this menace," the statement said.

In a post on X following the call, PM Modi said the two leaders reaffirmed their resolve to counter terrorism "with greater determination." "Glad to speak with my friend, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and convey New Year greetings to him and the people of Israel."

In a statement, the MEA said that the leaders also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest and agreed to remain in touch.

US mission warns students of stern action, says 'visa a privilege, not right'

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

THE US embassy in India has issued a stern warning to international students, cautioning that violations of US laws could result in visa revocation, deportation, and future ineligibility for American visas. The advisory, latest in a series of warnings against misuse of the US visas, come amid a broader tightening of US immigration policies under the Donald Trump-led administration that has impacted both students and skilled workers.

"Breaking US laws can have serious consequences for your student visa," the US Embassy said in a post on X on Wednesday. "If you are arrested or violate any laws, your visa may be revoked, you may be deported, and you could be ineligible for future US visas."

Emphasising the discretionary nature of immigration permissions, the embassy added that "a US visa is a privilege, not a right."

The warning follows a similar advisory issued last week for applicants of H-1B and H-4 visas, which allow skilled foreign professionals and their dependents to work and live in the US. In that missive, the embassy said violations of US immigration laws could attract "significant criminal penalties."

The advisories come as the US intensifies scrutiny of legal migration channels while simultaneously cracking down on illegal immigration. The tightening of visa norms appears to be having a tangible impact on international mobility, particularly from India, which has traditionally been one of the largest sources of students and skilled workers to the US.

According to recent data, new international student enrolments in the US fell by 17 per cent last year. August 2024 figures showed a 19 per cent year-on-year decline in international student arrivals , the lowest since 2021, with the drop largely driven by fewer students from India.

Skilled worker visas have also been impacted. H-1B applicants are facing long waiting periods, with several visa appointments at US consulates in India either cancelled or postponed by months following recent policy changes. Indian government has taken up these concerns with the US.

"The Government of India has received multiple representations from Indian nationals facing delays and difficulties in scheduling or rescheduling US visa appointments. While visa matters fall under the sovereign domain of the issuing country, India has raised these concerns with the US authorities in New Delhi and Washington DC," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal had said last month.

On illegal immigration, the embassy has adopted an even sharper tone, warning against what it called a "fruitless journey." In a post dated January 2, the embassy said illegal migrants are often targeted by "violent cartels, human traffickers, and corrupt officials."

"Illegal immigrants are exploited and victimised in what ultimately proves to be a fruitless journey," the post said. "The only people who benefit from illegal immigration are traffickers."

Environment ministry approves iron ore mining in C'garh Bailadila forest

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Centre has recommended environmental clearance (EC) for the diversion of 874.924 hectares of forest land to extend iron ore mining by the state-owned NMDC within the Bailadila reserve forest (BRF) in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district.

At its 57th meeting, the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change approved the proposal for the Bailadila iron ore mine, Deposit-11. The proposal aims to increase the production capacity from 11.30 million tones per annum (MTPA) to 14.50 MTPA of iron ore and to expand waste excavation from 2.70 MTPA to 15.39 MTPA.

The BRF is a forested mountain range well known for its significant deposits of high-grade iron ore, characterised by its distinctive ox-hump-like peaks. The area contains 558.84 million tonnes (MT) of hematite (iron ore) geological reserves, with 351.32 MT classified as mineable reserves.

NMDC had previously obtained approval for the forest clearance of the diverted land in March 2020, which is valid for 17 years and will expire in September 2037.

The proposed expansion of mining has faced environmental concerns, particularly regarding ancient trees and local water sources. Anticipating EAC approval, on January 5, local youths in Dantewada and several political groups launched fresh protests against the mining proposal, citing risks to their water sources, ancient trees, and rare wildlife.

The mining lease area is situated in the Bailadila iron ore mines, Kirandul Complex in South Bastar. The forest reserve is known for its rich biodiversity, including various species of trees, mammals, reptiles, and birds. According to the EAC documents, the BRF is home to various mammals, including the sloth bear, leopard, jungle cat, jackal, sambar, Bengal fox, grey mongoose, Indian pangolin, Indian porcupine, and giant flying squirrel.

The reserve also hosts reptiles like the Bengal monitor, python, Indian rat snake, cobra, and Russell's Viper, as well as bird species such as the Bastar Hill Myna, Common Peafowl, Eurasian Eagle Owl, Brown Fish Owl, Common Barn Owl, and Cotton Pygmy Goose.

The EAC notes that the company has developed a site-specific conservation plan and submitted ₹10.25 crore to the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of Dantewada.

X reply on Grok dirt 'inadequate'

ENS @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is learnt to have found the response from X to its advisory over the spread of obscene and sexual content on its social media platform inadequate.

The advisory had warned X about the misuse of its AI chatbot, Grok, which users are allegedly using to create sexual and obscene images of women and minors. X was given additional time till Wednesday 5 pm, to submit a detailed Action Taken Report.Agency reports said the reply was detailed but missed key information. The ministry has now sought further details. X's official "Safety" handle said the platform takes action against illegal content, including Child Sexual Abuse Material, by removing such content, permanently suspending accounts, and cooperating with local governments and law enforcement agencies when required.

SC asks forensic test of Biren's tape

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday directed that the entire 48-minute audio clip allegedly implicating former Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh in the 2023 ethnic violence, along with his admitted voice samples, be forwarded to the National Forensic Science University (NFSU) Gandhinagar, for detailed forensic examination.

It also asked the NFSU to expedite the process and submit its report to the court in a sealed cover. A bench of Justicse Sanjay Kumar and K Vinod Chandran passed the direction after hearing a plea -- filed by Kuki Organization for Human Rights Trust (KOHUR) -- seeking a court-monitored investigation into certain alleged leaked audio clips which allegedly implicate former Manipur CM, Singh for instigating the ethnic violence in the state.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the petitioner KOHUR, said, "The petition itself contained the transcript of the full 48-minute conversation and that the audio had been supplied. The authorities were aware of the complete recording," he submitted.

Kohur had alleged that the audio tapes, shared by an anonymous whistleblower, contained telephonic conversations held by the former CM "establishing complicity of the highest functionary and others in ethnic violence in Manipur".

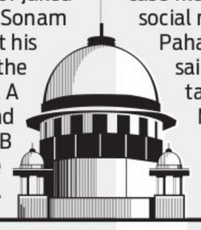
Last year, in one of the hearings in the apex court, the NFSU Gandhinagar, had informed it that the audio purportedly relating to recordings allegedly implicating former Manipur CM in the ethnic violence which took place in 2023 were tampered with and not scientifically fit for voice comparison.

"As the said audio is tampered with, so thereby, no opinion on similarity or dissimilarity of the speakers could be offered," said the NFSU to the SC. In November 2025, the NFSU had informed the SC that the audio clips sent to it showed signs of tampering.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Wangchuk wife's plea hearing today

The Supreme Court on Wednesday adjourned to January 8 the hearing of a plea filed by Gitanjali J Angmo, the wife of jailed climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, against his detention under the National Security Act. A bench of Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice P B Varale deferred the matter.



SC grants protection from arrest to singer

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted interim protection from arrest to folk singer Neha Singh Rathore in a case filed against her over a social media post on the Pahalgam terror attack.The said comments allegedly targeted PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and the BJP in connection with the attacks.

HANUMANGARH ON BOIL

Farmers on Wednesday held a mahapanchayat in Rajasthan's Hanumangarh to protest the proposed ethanol factory in the Rathi Khera area and to demand withdrawal of cases registered against them.

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PARROTS RESCUED FROM GANG IN UP's VARANASI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	26	15	Mumbai	27	24
Bhopal	24	10	Panaji	30	19
Jaipur	19	08	Patna	22	10
Amritsar	16	03	Lucknow	20	08
Chennai	27	24	Port Blair	28	25
Kolkata	22	13	Imphal	18	07
Srinagar	03	-8	Chandigarh	14	04

CBI brings back Bishnoi gang member from US

Aman Bhainswal wanted by Haryana cops in serious criminal cases

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

The CBI said fugitive Aman Bhainswal was taken into custody by the Haryana police

A key member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang was arrested on January 7 after being deported from the United States. The accused, Aman alias Aman Kumar alias Aman Bhainswal, was wanted by the Haryana Police in several serious criminal cases.

Bhainswal was facing charges of murder, rioting and criminal conspiracy. He was repatriated to India by the Central Bureau of Investigation after international coordination. Acting on a request from the Haryana Police, the CBI secured an Interpol Red Notice against him, which helped trace his location in the United States.

The CBI said the fugitive landed in India on January 7 and was immediately taken into custody by a Haryana Police team at Delhi airport. The agency described him as a notorious criminal with a long history of violent offences.

Police records show that Bhainswal was earlier arrested in India but later released on bail. After securing bail, he absconded and went underground. He is accused of involvement in firing incidents, murders, attempts to murder, extortion cases and illegal arms activities across Haryana and the Delhi-NCR region.

Investigators said he operated an independent criminal network active in Sonipat, Rohtak, Jhajjar and parts of Delhi. A total of 10 serious criminal cases are registered against him in Haryana and Delhi. Despite being a declared offender, he managed to flee the country using forged identity documents.

The Haryana Police revealed that Bhainswal fraudulently obtained a passport using a fake East Delhi address. On June 20, 2024, he travelled to Kuwait on a forged passport and later entered the United States. After this, a case under the Indian Justice Code and the Passport Act was registered in Gohana.

A Look-Out Circular was issued, an Interpol Red Corner Notice was obtained, and he was formally declared a proclaimed offender. Sustained tracking, technical surveillance and coordinated efforts by the Special Task Force finally led to his arrest and deportation.

Haryana Director General of Police Ajay Singhal said, "Those who think they can hide beyond borders must understand that no one can escape the reach of the Haryana Police, and fugitives will be brought to justice."

Customers with faces covered banned in Bihar jewellery shops

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A fresh political controversy has erupted in Bihar following jewellery shop owners' decision of not selling ornaments to customers with their faces covered, including hijab and naqabs. This happens to be the first such decision by any traders' association in the state.

Though shop owners pleaded that the move was aimed at preventing crimes, opposition Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) vehemently opposed, calling it unconstitutional and an attack on religious sentiments of people of a particular community.

RJD spokesperson Ezaz Ahmad said that the move hurt the religious sentiments of people and amounted to an attempt to curtail the fundamental right to religious freedom guaranteed under the Constitution. He blamed BJP-RSS for the decision.

The RJD leader said that the decision would weaken the Constitutional and secular fabric of the country. "The government should immediately intervene and talk to the jewellery shop owners who have taken such a decision. There may be other measures to check crimes," he added. On Tuesday, the All India Jewellers and Goldsmith Federation announced the ban .

Official toll 7, but Indore district admin releases ₹2L relief for 18 families

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

We've released compensation to 18 families so far, the sum is being sent to some families through the RTGS route.

Shivam Verma, Indore district collector

THE Indore district administration has released compensation of ₹2 lakh each to 18 families that lost their family members to the contaminated water-triggered diarrhoeal outbreak recently, in the country's cleanest city.

In what appears to be an irony of sorts, the compensation to 18 bereaved families has been released when the same district administration has maintained that the official death toll in the killer tragedy stands at 7.

While nine of the deceased whose families have been compensated are women (aged between 32 to 75 years), eight others are men who are aged between 50 and 75 years, while the youngest to die was six-months-old Avyan Sahu.

The money has been released through cheques via the Red Cross to the bereaved families. While the cheques have been handed over to 15 bereaved families, the same compensation sum is being sent to three families via the RTGS route.

"We don't want to get into numbers. Each death is painful to us. It's the autopsy report of the deceased, based on which the local administration decides the official figures. But when it came to compensation, we've decided to help all those families, who lost their members during the concerned period in that locality," CM Dr Mohan Yadav said.

According to the Indore district collector Shivam Verma, "Based on the analysis of each death by a panel of senior doctors, we're updating the official toll. But acting on instructions, we're releasing the compensation sum to each family which has lost their family members in that area during that period. We've released compensation to 18 families so far, the sum is being sent to some families through the RTGS route."

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36-day drive against trap poachings

Having lost over 930 wild animals, including tigers, bears and leopards to high-voltage electric traps, snare and leg-hold traps between 2014 and 2025, Madhya Pradesh has decided to launch a 36-day dedicated crackdown against such trap poachings (particularly for bushmeat) from January 10. Titled Operation Wild Trap-II, the forest department's initiative will see extensive patrolling-searching by teams, including dog squads against those setting such deadly traps across dense forests in the state, including the nine tiger reserves. With such traps being usually set during winter months, the coming operation is the sequel to Op Wild Trap-I.

Country's 1st state-level drone data repository

Country's first state-level Drone Data Repository (DDR) has been launched in MP. It will make administrative processes more streamlined, robust and transparent. An integrated, secure, and interoperable geospatial platform, the DDR is a centralised, cloud-based, secure, and interoperable digital infrastructure that lays the groundwork for the future of geospatial governance. It stores high-quality drone data, including high-resolution orthomosaics, 3D terrain models, LiDAR scans, video imagery, legacy baseline data and multi-departmental survey records. Survey data from all departments have been consolidated on one platform.

RSS chief's 3-pronged approach on Love Jihad

On the second and concluding day of his Bhopal trip, RSS chief Dr Mohan Bhagwat called for a three-pronged approach to protect girls against the menace of 'Love Jihad.' "Sustained dialogue within families, caution and self-defence skills among young girls, besides prompt and effective legal action against the offenders was needed to protect the young girls against the menace," the RSS chief said, while holding a dialogue with a gathering of women on January 3. Importantly, lack of evidence to support the prosecution's case and female victims turning hostile during the court trial, has resulted in more acquittals and less convictions.

DGCA asks airlines to submit details of fares charged last month

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE Aviation regulator, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), has asked major airlines in India to submit details on the fares they have charged for different sectors in December last year.

The Civil Aviation Ministry had imposed a cap on all airfares last month, which still remains in force.

A senior airline executive confirmed to this newspaper the receipt of such a directive from the regulator. The order issued recently has asked IndiGo, Spicejet, Akasa Air and Air India to submit the average fare charged by them on different sectors from December 1 to 15.

The regulator's order is in light of exhorbitant fare charged by a few airlines during and in the aftermath of the IndiGo operation disruption from December 1 to 9.

The Ministry had on December 6 issued a directive capping air fare charges and came out with this maximum permissible rate chart -- ₹7,500 for up to 500 km; ₹12,000 for 500-1,000 km; ₹15,000 for 1,000-1,500 km and ₹18,000 for over 1,500 km.

"This order on fare cap continues to be imposed even now," a senior official of the Civil Aviation Ministry said.

The AirSewa platform, the redressal mechanism for flyers by the Civil Aviation Ministry, had received 14,002 complaints in December on various issues. A significant number of them pertain to fare hikes. The portal received 3,206 grievances from December 3 to 9 alone, the Ministry said in a statement earlier. A few airlines spoken to refused to comment on the order.

Though a cap was imposed last month, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu had told the Lok Sabha that the government cannot impose fare caps for an entire year, citing seasonal fluctuations in demand and operational realities of the aviation sector.

SIR DRIVE

Didi raises pitch, says EC notice to Sen insult to Bengal

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

THE Election Commission on Wednesday served a notice to Nobel laureate Amartya Sen in connection with the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal, seeking a hearing of the 92-year-old economist on January 16 at his residence.

A BLO handed over the notice to the noted economist's relatives at his residence in Shantiniketan in Birbhum district. Acknowledging the receipt of the notice, Sen's cousin said he would inform the academic about the development.

Clarifying on the matter, an official of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) in Kolkata said, "A notice was generated during the SIR process on grounds of logical discrepancy after the age difference between Sen and his mother, as recorded in the enumeration form, was found to be less than 15 years. All voters are equal in the eyes of the Election Commission. There has not been any special or preferential treatment for any VIP or eminent personalities."

As the economist is over 85 years of age, he would not be required to visit the hearing centre. BLO Sombrata Mukherjee will go to Sen's residence on January 16 and check documents to verify discrepancies related to his electoral form, the official said. "Any voter facing a problem like him will have to submit any of the 13 documents specified by the EC," he said.

On Tuesday, TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee alleged a nexus between the EC and the BJP, and said serving SIR notices to eminent personalities like Sen is an "insult the people of Bengal". The BJP and the EC rejected the claim.

Earlier, the poll body clarified that minor technical discrepancies, including spelling errors in voters' names, can be corrected administratively by BLOs.

One more BLO dies, family alleges stress

One more booth-level officer (BLO) died in Malda district of West Bengal on Wednesday, with her family members alleging that she was under stress due to excessive workload in SIR. Seven BLOs have died so far in the state since the SIR started.

UP Oppn preps local units to enrol voters in poll rolls

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

The BJP ensured their supporters remained on the list. SP volunteers will work overtime to ensure that legitimate voters are added

Rajendra Chaudhary, SP chief spokesperson

Questioning data released

The Congress has asked recently appointed district-level committees to flag irregularities so that no eligible voter is missed out. Questioning data released, AAP MP Sanjay Singh alleged that BLOs were forced to delete names to benefit the BJP.

AFTER 2.89 crore voters or 18.70% of the electorate were deleted from UP's rolls under SIR, political parties have deployed their office-bearers to get names of eligible voters added to the final list which will be out on March 6.

The Samajwadi Party has activated its PDA praharis (guards) and Congress has deployed district committees to ensure that no eligible voter is left out in the final list. The BSP has launched a month-long drive to add new voters.

SP leader Ravidas Mehrotra said, "The Election Commission's responsibility is to ensure that every eligible voter is included. Now it must facilitate the Form-6 process so that voters can get their names added." SP chief spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary alleged, "The BJP ensured their supporters remained on the list. SP volunteers will work overtime to ensure that legitimate voters are added." The Congress has asked recently appointed district-level committees to flag irregularities so that no eligible voter is missed out. BSP state president Vishwanath Pal said, "The party has launched the campaign to help its voters fill Form 6." Questioning the SIR data released on Tuesday, AAP MP Sanjay Singh alleged that BLOs were forced to delete names of certain communities to benefit the BJP.

State CEO Navdeep Rinwa said over 91% of voters were successfully mapped. "Those whose mapping could not be completed will receive notices," Rinwa said.

Except one, all Gujarat MPs get richer in a decade

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A decade of repeated electoral victories has led to sharp growth in the declared assets of most of Gujarat's re-elected Members of Parliament, claims an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). Jamnagar MP Poonam Madam has recorded a dramatic rise, while Union Minister CR Patil stands out as the only MP to report a fall in wealth, the report reveals.

The study examined asset declarations of MPs elected in the 2014, 2019, and 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The ten-year snapshot covers an uninterrupted period of the NDA rule and highlights how political continuity has often gone hand in hand with rising personal wealth.

Only 7 MPs from Gujarat won all 3 elections. For six of them, the numbers show steep upward movement. The most striking case is Poonam Madam. Her declared assets rose from about ₹17 crore in 2014 to more than ₹147 crore in 2024.

Kachchh MP Vinod Lakhamshi Chavda shows the fastest growth in percentage terms. His assets increased from around ₹56 lakh in 2014 to over ₹6.5 crore in 2024, a more than 11-fold increase. The jump turned a relatively small asset base into a multi-crore portfolio within a decade.

Parbhubhai Nagarbhai Vasava of Bardoli also reported steady growth. His assets rose from nearly ₹1.6 crore to more than ₹4.7 crore, marking an increase of about 195%. Devusinh Chauhan from Kheda and Rajesh Naranbhai Chudasama from Junagadh followed similar paths, each adding over ₹2 crore to their declared wealth.

In contrast, Navsari MP and Union Minister CR Patil reported a dip of about 47% in his assets compared to 2014.

POONAMBEN HEMANTBHAI MADAM (Jamnagar)

₹17.43 CR | ₹42.73 CR | ₹147.70 CR | 747%

Increase: ₹130.26 cr

C R PATIL (Navsari)

₹74.47 CR | ₹44.60 CR | ₹39.49 CR | -47%

Decrease: ₹34.98 cr

VINOD LAKHAMSHI CHAVDA (Kutch)

₹56.18 L | ₹3.35 CR | ₹7.09 CR | 1163%

Increase: ₹6.53 cr

PRABHBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA (Bardoli)

₹1.59 CR | ₹2.83 CR | ₹4.70 CR | 195%

Increase: ₹3.10 cr

ADR ASSETS ANALYSIS OF LAWMAKERS

The ADR study examined asset declarations of MPs elected in the 2014, 2019, and 2024 LS polls. The 10-year snapshot covers the period of the NDA rule

JASWANTSINH SOMANBHAI BHABHOR (Dahod)

₹1.96 CR | ₹2.70 CR | ₹4.84 CR | 146%

Increase: ₹2.87 cr

DEVUSINH CHAUHAN (Kheda)

₹94.26 L | ₹1.30 CR | ₹3.49 CR | 271%

Increase: ₹2.55 cr

RAJESHBHAI NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA (Junagadh)

₹74.46 L | ₹1.08 CR | ₹3.34 CR | 349%

Increase: ₹2.60 cr

MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA (Bharuch)

₹65.71 L | ₹68.35 L | ₹2.54 CR | 280%

Increase: ₹1.89 cr

2014 | 2019 | 2024 | PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Vaishno Devi med college closure cheers BJP, NC calls it communal

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

FOUR days after inspecting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME) in Katra, the National Medical Commission (NMC) on Tuesday withdrew its recognition, triggering contrasting political reactions across Jammu and Kashmir.

The NMC cancelled the Letter of Permission granted to the institute to run a 50-seat MBBS course for the academic year 2025–26, citing serious deficiencies in infrastructure, faculty strength, and clinical facilities. It also directed that students admitted for the 2025–26 session be adjusted as supernumerary seats in government medical colleges in J&K.

The decision came amid a prolonged agitation by Hindu groups over the admission of 42 Muslim and one Sikh student in the first batch of 50. The groups argued that since the Vaishno Devi Shrine Board is funded by offerings of Hindu devotees, admissions should be limited to Hindu students.

The withdrawal was celebrated by organisations including Rashtriya Bajrang Dal, Yuva Rajput Sabha, and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sangarsh Samiti (SMVDSS), which held celebrations in Jammu.

"This is a big win for the Hindu community. It is a win for every Hindu organisation," said Rashtriya Bajrang Dal J&K president Rakesh Bajrangi. "We had said we would get this college closed, and we have succeeded." SMVDSS convenor Colonel (Retd) Sukhvir Mankotia said the 45-day agitation received overwhelming support. "We thank the Union Home Minister and Union Health Minister for respecting our faith," he said.

J&K BJP president Sat Sharma welcomed the move, saying the Shrine Board "symbolises Hindu faith and runs on Hindu donations".

However, the ruling National Conference and opposition parties condemned the decision. NC provincial president Jammu Rattan Lal Gupta called it a devastating blow. "People celebrate when a medical college opens. Here, BJP is celebrating its closure," he said, accusing the party of deepening communal divisions.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE Ist ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL, AT BENGALURU

G & WC No. 125/2025

BETWEEN: MR. THIRUMALESH JAYANTHI
Aged about 40 years, S/o JSRB Chandra Shekhar Villa #129, Atmos Silverwoods, Sreemanahalli, Bengaluru, ...**PETITIONER**

AND : MS. DEEPA GANGADHAR PUJAR ....**RESPONDENT**

SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1-A) OF CODE CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Ms. DEEPA GANGADHAR, Aged about 39 years, D/o Gangadhar pujar, No. 5A, Sliver Oak resort, Doddaballapura main road, Rajanakunte, Bengaluru- 64 ....**RESPONDENT**

NOTICE

WHEAREAS, The petitioner above named has filed a petition under Section (s) 7, 17 and 25 of the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 seeking permanent Guardianship and Custody of the minor child master Sai Vedanth, who is presently aged about 6 years. The Petition has come to be membered as G & WC No. 125/2025 and is pending before the Hon'ble Additional Senior Civil Judge. Bengaluru Rural at Bengaluru. The Hon'ble court in the said petition has granted an ad interim ex-parte order on 16.12.2025 restraining the Respondent from removing the child from the custody of the Petitioner till her appearance in the said matter. The said matter is posted for the Respondent's appearance **on 16.02.2026**.

Given under my hand seal of the court on this **6th Day of January, 2026**

By Order Of The Court, Chief Ministerial Office Senior Civil Judge Court Bengaluru Rural Dist, Bengaluru

ATV LEGAL
No. 29/4, Trade Centre 1st Floor, Race Course Road,Bengaluru - 560 001

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e-Tender Notice Nos. C/E.29/ Elec/M/SC/34/PA/OT/2025-26 Dt.06.01.2026

PUB/1728

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the given below work up to **15.00 hours on 27.01.2026**

S.No.: 01 **e-Tender No.:** etenderNo. C/E.29/Elec/M/SC/34/PA/OT/2025-26 etender No.E-M-SC-34-OT-2025-26 **Name of work:** Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department : (i) Additional work at ABSS (PDPL, RDM & MCI) for completion of Phase-I under Sr.DEN/North/SC juricdiction. (ii) Additional works at Amrit Bharat Stations (VKB & TDU) for completion of Phase-I under Sr.DEN/West/SC Juricdiction (iii) BDCR: Proposed improvements to circulating area & PF-1 surface, station building Façade, construction of New block for Dormitory & Retiring, CCI & HI Rooms, TTE Rest Rooms at Bhadrachalam Road station under ABSS Phase-I (Additional work) -Electrical Arrangements. **Tender Value (₹):** 2,47,78,085.10 **EMD (₹):** 2,73,900.00 **CTF (₹):** 0.00 **Completion period:** 6 Months

1. Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at "www.ireps.gov.in" which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.

2. The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr.DEE(Maintenance), Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days.

3. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer (M)/Secunderabad

Tender Notice No.SCR-BZA-SNT-E21-OT-25-26, Dt.05.01.2026

PUB/1729

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following work up to 15.30 hrs on Dt: 29.01.2026.

S.No.: 01 **Name of the work:** Tender Notice No & Date: SCR-BZA-SNT-E21-OT-25-26, Dt:05.01.2026. Vijayawada Division: Signal and Telecom Department: S&T works in connection with (1) Rajahmundry (RJY): Proposal for provision of additional loop line and sick siding. (2) Shifting of Signal and Telecom utilities in connection with major redevelopment of Rajahmundry station. **Tender Value (₹):** 7,88,31,767.70 Ps **EMD (₹):** 5,44,200.00 Only through online or bid security **CTB (₹):** NIL **Completion Period:** 365 Days

Date of closing and timing: 15.30 hrs 29.01.2026

1. Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc. are available in the Tender documents published in website at "www.ireps.gov.in".

2. The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website "www.ireps.gov.in" before the date of tender closing to note any changes/ corrigenda for any tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (S&T), Vijayawada

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For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that my client **SRI.DAYANANDA. P.L.** Son of Sri. Lakkanna, has lost the original of General Power of Attorney dated 07.09.2020 executed by Smt. S. Parineetha in favour of Sri. Basavaraj .B.G and Smt.Mahalakshmi.T which is registered as document No.70/2020-21 of Book-IV and stored in CD No.JGND947 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Jigani, Bengaluru in respect of property bearing Site No.10, Khatha No.33/4, Property No.33/4, situated at Nallsandra Village, Mantapa Village Panchayath, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru about some months back in transit. In case the same is traced by anybody they should hand over the same to the undersigned and also in case anybody is having any claim, charge or interest over the said property, they shall lodge their objections with the undersigned within **FIVE DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice.

D.S. BHAT, Advocate,
M/S BHAT ASSOCIATES,
1st Main, 5th Cross, Yeshwanthpur,
BENGALURU - 560 022.
Mob:9916994581
BENGALURU, DATE : 07.01.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the immoveable property which is morefully described in the Schedule below (**"Schedule Property"**) from Mr.Gurumurthy son of Ramakrishna Naidu (**"Owner"**). The Owner has represented that he is the owner of the Schedule Property, having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Public is notified that any person having any claim or interest, or any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, interest, claim, benefit, demand or interest in or in relation to the Schedule Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, let, lease, license, assignment mortgage, inheritance, bequest, succession, gift, lien, charge, maintenance, bequest, easement, trust, possession, family arrangement, settlement, decree or order of any court of law, contracts/agreements, development right, partnership or arrangements of whatsoever nature, may lodge his/her/their objections and/or claims in writing, along with documentary evidence in support thereof, to the undersigned within 10 (Ten) days from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that no person, except the Owner, have any right over the Schedule Property and claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Site No.3, new E.P.I.D no.7201226235, property No.6051/Sy.No.50/6/Site No.3, issued by BBMP, forming part of residentially converted land in Sy.No.50/6, measuring 20.08 Guntas [converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Certificate bearing No.ALN (E) SR (Kr.Ho) 269/2007-08 dated 27/02/2009, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore], situated at Hagadhur Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring east to west on Northern side 43 feet, on the Southern side 42 feet 5 inches, and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1281 sq.feet, presently under the administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded by: East -20 feet road; West - Property belongs to Mr.Lakshmi Narayana and Remaining portion of same Survey No.50/6; North -Property belongs to Mr.Lakshmi Narayana and remaining portion of same Survey No.50/6; and South – Property bearing Site No.2.

Sd/- **Umashree N,** Advocate
No.3/1, 1st A Cross Park Road, 1st Stage
Indiranagar, Bangalore -560 038
Ph: 9663078174 Date: 07/01/2026

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.1773/2023

Between: Canara Bank (Syndicate Bank) KR Puram Branch, Bengaluru - 560 036. **...Applicant**

And

Sri Satish Kumar Guptha & Others ....**Defendants**

SUMMONS / NOTICE ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.29,13,394.76** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Four and Paise Seventy Six only), together with current and future interest and other relief/s.

Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this Summons or on **05.02.2026** at 10:30 AM in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice of interim relief sought. Take notice that in case of default, the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the 11TH day of November 2025.

By the Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1

To **: 1 M/s. CMRS Infrastructure Pvt Ltd.,** Having its Regd. Office at No. 589, 3rd Floor, 'C' Block, AECS Layout, Bengaluru - 560 037, Represented by its Director/ Partners, Sri Chennam Rangaswamy, Sri U.S.S.V. Prasad, Sri Uma Maheshwara Reddy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Smt.Sampamma W/o Sri.N.Yallappa, aged about 72 years, Residing at Muthusandra, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka-560087 owned by my client in respect of schedule property as mentioned as below: -

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.90, Now comes under the limits of BBMP ward No.149 and assigned with Property Id No.8221491967, Situated at Sorahunase Village (Madhura Nagar), Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.feet My client has lost the original documents on 28.07.2025 as mentioned as below

Sale deed executed by Smt.Sarojamma in favor of Smt.Sampamma and Registered as Doc.No.BAS-1-26191-2004-05 stored in CD.No.BASD129 Registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk in respect of Schedule Property on 20.01.2005

If any of the general public has found the said documents shall be handed over the same within 7 days from the date of publication to the below mentioned address.

ADDRESS: **G.N.Vishwanath**
Advocates and legal consultants,
No.36, MKS Arcade, office No.1, Ground Floor, Ganganagar, Bangalore -560 032
Contact No -9901914663

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House,Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.1613/2024

Between: Canara Bank, Yelachenahalli Branch Bangalore **...Applicant**

And

M/s. M S Apparels, Proprietor: Mrs. Ranjitha W/o. Mr. Shekar, Aged about 31 years, No. 9, 1st Floor, Yelachenahalli, Chunchaghatta Main Road,Bangalore - 560 062. **PAN : EPUPR7445D ....Defendant**

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.23,91,952.20** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Two and Paise Twenty Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authroized agent in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on the **20.02.2026 at 10.30 a.m.**, as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **17.12.2025**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, AT BAGALORE
New Premises at 4th Floor, Telephone House Building,Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No. 1195/2021

Between: Canara Bank ...Applicant

And

M/s. Falcon Industries ....Defendants

SUMMONS /NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To:

2. Mr. Abdulla Mavad S/o. Mr. M. S. Ahmed, No. 15, 1st Phase, 2nd Main, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010

3. Mr. Adman Maved S/o Mr. M. S. Ahmed, No. 15, 1st Phase, 2nd Main, West of Chord Road, Rajajingar, Bangalore - 560 010

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application/interloctory application under Section 19 of Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,65,12,750.98** with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **09.02.2026 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **20.11.2025**

Sd/- Signature of the Officer
(Authorised to issue Summons)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore

Advocate fo the applicant (Vignesh Shetty)

QuoteExpress

WHEN YOU REACH THE END OF YOUR ROPE, TIE A KNOT IN IT AND HANG ON

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my client **Mr. K.V. Rajashekaraiah** has entered into an Agreement of Sale agreeing to purchase vacant Site bearing No.317, EPID No.1125263480, Property No.814/317, in the layout formed by Bank Officers Housse Building Co-Operative Society Ltd, at Doddakallasandra village, Doddakallasandra 1st Stage, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Ward No.197-Vasanthapura, measuring East 50 feet, West 50 feet, North 82 feet, South 69 feet, totally measuring 3775 square feet and bounded on the: **East By**-Road, **West By**-Site No.330 and 329, **North By**-Site No.318, **South By**-Site No.316, from its owner **Mrs.HARINI REDDY duly** Represented by her Power of Attorney Holder **Mr.SARATHBABU N. G.** Any person/s asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the Sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within Ten days from the date of this publication, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereof.

SATHYA .M.N, Advocate,
No.451, 13th Main, 1st Floor, 80 Feet Road,
BSK 1st Stage, Mysore Bank Colony,
Bengaluru - 50. Mobile : 98802 44299
Bengaluru, Date : 07/01/2026

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BANGALORE RURAL DIST. AT BANGALORE

O.S. No. 2469/2025

BETWEEN:

1.Sri. R. NARAYANASWAMY, S/o. Late Ramaiah, Aged about 58 years, R/at: No. 35/2, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Opp: Jawhar School, Geddalahalli, R.M.V. II Stage, Bangalore - 560 094.

2. Miss. SHOBHA. R, D/o. Smt. Sumathi, Aged about 30 years, R/at: No.C-21/2, 7th Cross, Krishnappa Layout, Ganganagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore -560 032. **...Plaintiffs**

AND:

M/s. Arisa Developers And Others ...Defendants

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC UNDER ORDER 1 RULE 8 (2) OF CPC

ADDRESS OF THE DEFENDANTS

3.THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, Bruhath Bangalore-Mahanagara Palike, N.R. Square, Bangalore - 560 001.

4. THE JOINT COMMISSIONER, Yelahanka Zone, Bruhath Bangalore-Mahanagara Palike, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore - 560092.

5. THE TAHSILDAR, Mini Vidhana Soudha, Yelahanka, Bangalore -560 064.

6. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Storm Water Drain, B.B.M.P. Yelahanka, Bangalore -560 064.

WHEREAS, the plaintiffs have filed the suit against the defendants in the capacity of representative suit, for and on behalf of the Villagers of Chokkanahalli, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore, for the relief of the declaration and injunction and the other consequential reliefs against the defendants in respect of the suit property, and the Hon'ble court directed to take out a paper publication to the general public as provided under order 1 Rule 8(2) of CPC. Therefore, interested general public in the locality of Chokkanahalli Village hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader on **24th day of January 2026 at 11.00 a.m.,** in the forencon to yourself, to respect the above suit, for and on behalf of the Villagers of the Chokkanahalli Village, Bangalore, in default on the day mentioned above, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence

SCHEDULE

In respect of the common Rajakaluve / storm water drain having width of 10 ft. and length of 50 ft., for use of both plaintiffs and defendant No. 1 & 2 and other Publics passing from the properties of Sy. No. 71/1 & Sy. No. 71/2 to the lake of Chokkanahalli Village is shown in the detailed hand sketch showing the demarcated area A, B, C & D which is attached to the plaint, the said suit property is situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bounded on:

East by: Govt. property belonged to Jawaharlal Nehru Center, West by: Storm water drain, North by: Rajakaluve / Storm Water Drain & Sy. No. 71/1 & Sy. No. 71/2, South by: Remaining portion of Site No.6/B, 6/A & 6 formed out of Sy. No. 71/2.

Given under by hand seal of this court on this 05th day of January 2026. **By Order of the Court**

***Sd/-* Chief Ministerial Officer**
IV Addl. Senior Civil Judge,
Bangalore Rural Dist, at Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff:
N. THIMME GOWDA, Advocate,
No.4, "Usha Nilaya" 3rd Main, Police Station Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560 024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the schedule property bearing Site No.30, formed in Sy.No.80, converted vide No.B.Dis.ALN.SR. 1373, dated: 10.03.1965, situated at Banaswadi Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, from its owner Smt. Nethravathi W/o Sri. Ramanand and D/o Smt. Padmavathi who has represented that she is the sole and absolute owner and in possession of the schedule property morefully described herein below and having unrestricted rights of alienations over the same.

General public are notified that any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the schedule property or to the above transaction, are hereby called upon to file their objections to the undersigned with supporting documents within **15 days** from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received within **15 days** it would be deemed that no person excepting the above said owner has any right over the schedule properties and claims if any will be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing residential vacant site bearing No.30, formed in Sy.No.80, converted vide No.B.Dis.ALN.SR. 1373, dated: 10.03.1965, situated at Banaswadi Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South: 37½ feet, totally measuring 1125 sqft and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.197, **West by:** Road (20 feet), **North by:** Site No.31, **South by:** Site No.29

K.B. JAGANNATHAPPA, Advocate
Office-No.423-424, 2nd Floor,
Alankar Pearl Plaza, K.G. Road,
Bangalore- 560 009. (M) 984544165.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase lands in Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Blore Urban Dist. described below. Objections to title/claims must be lodged with proof to undersigned within 14 days, failing which the transactions will be completed.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

1) **Sy 208** (1A-04G): E: Sy 209/2, W: Sy 210 & 207/1, N: Sy 210, S: Stream.
2) **Sy 210** (1A-03G): E: Sy 208 & 213/3, W: Sy 211/6, N: Sy 211, 212, 213, S: Sy 207/1, 208, 209.
Owners (1&2): Venkateshappa, SK Venkataramanappa, Munirathanamma, Chikkamuniyappa, Manjunath, Ashok, Muniyappa SS, Narayanaswamy.
3) **Sy 209/1** (11.08G): E: Sy 214 and 170, W: Sy 209/2, N: Sy 209/3, S: Stream. Owner: SK Venkataramanappa.
4) **Sy 209/3** (7.04G): E: Sy 214, W: Sy 209/2, N: Sy 209/4, S: Sy 209/1. Owners: Muniyappa SS, Narayanaswamy S.
5) **Sy 209/4** (06.04G): E: Sy 214, W: Sy 209/2, N: Sy 209/5, S: Sy 209/3. Owner: Venkatesh.
6) **Sy 209/5** (11.08G): E: Sy 214, W: Sy 209/2, N: Sy 210, S: Sy 209/4. Owners: Manjunath M, Ashok M.

Date : 08-01-2026
Place : Bengaluru

Mr. S T Prashantha Kumar
Advocate & Senior Partner
Mr. Mali Pavan Gowda
Advocate & G-Head
Fox Mandal & Associates
Solicitors & Advocates
FM House, 6/12, Primrose Road
Bengaluru – 560 025
Phone: +91 80 2559 5911
Email : prashantha.kumar@foxmandal.in

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II 4th FLOOR, BSNL BUILDING RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU AT : BENGALURU

O. A. NO. 455/2020

State Bank of India Assets Recovery Management Branch State Bank of India Building, K G Road, Bengaluru Through its Authorized Signatory; Mr. Vishwanath S/o. Venkatraman Hegde. Chief Manager, Bengaluru **...Applicant**

AND : 1. Mr. N Balakrishna S/o Ningegowda Prop: M/s Canon Detective and Security Services R/o #1566, 9th Cross, Avalahalli Main Road, Muneshwara Block BSK III Stage, Bangalore - 560026 **... Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To. Defendant 1. Mr. N Balakrishna S/o Ningegowda Prop : M/s Canon Detective and Security Services R/o #1566, 9th Cross, Avalahalli Main Road, Muneshwara Block BSK III Stage, Bangalore -560026
R/o: # 282, 2nd A Main, Girinagar Ist Phase BSK III state Bangalore -560085
R/o: # 202, 2nd E Cross, 2nd B Main, Vishwa bharathi layout, Girinagar, Bangalore -560085

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to the Banks and Financial Institutions Act of 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.1,67,25,637/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Seven Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Seven Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **09/02/2026 at 10:30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this the 5/1/2026

By the Order of the Tribunal
Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II BANGALORE

Can Fin Homes Ltd
Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
Kengeri Branch
#445, Ground Flr, 4th Main 5th Cross, Near Shreya Hospital,Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore-560 060, Ph No. 080-28486098/99
Mob: 7625079154
e-Mail: kengeri@canfinhomes.com
CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **30-10-2025** calling upon the borrowers **Mrs.Bharathi A** and **Mr.Ananda N,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.32,81,611/-** (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred and Eleven Only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 30 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this **07st day of January of the year 2026.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of **Rs.32,81,611/-** (Rupees ThirtyTwo Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred and Eleven Only) and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property

All that piece And parcel of the Property bearing Site No.25, House List no.602, House List Katha No.130, Katha No.185, New Katha No.10528, Property No.602/25 Situated At Medahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 40 feet And North to South 45 feet. Totally measuring 1800 Sq. Feet with Built House:- **Bounded By:** East by: House No.26, West by: House No.24, North by: Road,South by: House No.20.

Sd/-
Date: 07.01.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

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TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, HAGARIBOMMANAHALLI-583212
Dist: Vijayanagara , State: Karnataka

website: www.hagaribommanahallitown.mrc.gov.in, Email: itstaff_ulb_hballi@yahoo.in Phone:08397-238358

NO:TMC/HBH/Works/Tender Date:07.01.2026

-:: Tender Notification ::-

The Chief Officer Hagaribommanahalli Town Municipal Council Invites Tenders in One Cover System using standard tender documents from Eligible Contractors for 2023-24 15th Finance Tied Grant in TMC Hagaribommanahalli Limit.

Sl No.	Work Indent Number	Estimate Cost (Lakhs)	Last Date And Time For Receipt of Tenders	Last Date And Time For Opening of Bid
1	DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_ INDENT53596	89.60	15-01-2026	17-01-2026

Interested Contractors Shall Register on the e-procurement Platform to participate in this tender, Contractors can download the tender Documents From the http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically & Tender Processing Fee Shall Also be Paid Electronically.

Sd/- Chief Officers TMC Hagaribommanahalli | Sd/- Vise President TMC Hagaribommanahalli | Sd/- President TMC Hagaribommanahalli

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STATE BANK OF INDIA
RAJAJINAGAR BRANCH (20348)
200/Y, 50th Cross, 12th Main, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bengalore-560010.
E mai: sbi.20348@sbi.co.in

NOTICE FOR SALE OF VEHICLES BY E-AUCTION on 16.01.2026

Notice to public is hereby given to the effect that the vehicle described herein will be sold by **State Bank of India, Rajajinagar Branch (20348)** by holding E-Auction on the date and time mentioned in this notice is "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"

Sl. No	Name of the Borrower	Loan A/c. NO.	Vehicle Model	Reg. No.	Reserve Price	Seizure Agent
1	G K Industries	43390206926	Tata Motors LPT 1212 53 / CBC (CBC - Chassis with Cabin) 2024 Model	KA 51 AK 7426	Rs. 13,11,000/-	NPA Squad
2				KA 51 AK 7423	Rs. 13,11,000/-	
3				KA 51 AK 7422	Rs. 13,11,000/-	
4				KA 51 AK 7424	Rs. 13,11,000/-	
5				KA 51 AK 7425	Rs. 13,11,000/-	

All Vehicle Insurance Valid upto 04.11.2026, Date & Time of E-Auction: 16.01.2026, 10.00 AM to 1.00 PM (with unlimited Extensions of 5 minutes each). **EMD:** 10% of each vehicle's Reserve Price as mentioned above. (EMD is Refundable for unsuccessful bidder) For inspection of above vehicles contact below **Mentioned Agency: NPA Squad Contact Person:** Mr. Shashank Mob: **9663044559.**

Terms and conditions : 1. E-Auction is being held on "As is where is condition" and the Bank is not responsible for condition or any other fact affecting the vehicles **2.** The E Auction will take place through portal **https://baanknet.com** on 16.01.2026. **3.** The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit the amount to the valet with **https://baanknet.com** on or before 13.01.2026, 4PM and register their name at **https://baanknet.com. 4.** For detailed procedure and terms and conditions of E-Auttion, interested bidder may visit **https://baanknet.com** & download business rule documents. **5.** All the above vehicles are parked at respective agencies yard as mentioned above. **6.** Willing bidders can inspect the vehicle(s) at the respective yard mentioned above & give best quote (over and above the minimum price) **7.** The bidders have to increase the bidding amount by minimum Rs.5000/- above Reserve price. **8.** Balance of bid amount by the successful bidder should be remitted within 7 days, i.e. 23.01.2026, 04:00 PM failing which EMD amount stars forfeited. **9.** Successful bidders cannot back-out for any reason. **10.** Bank reserves the right to cancel or postpone the auction without prior notice. **11.** For further details you may contact Authorised Officer, Contact No.080-23151047, M:-9448998436.

Place Bengaluru, **Sd/-**
Date:06.01.2026 **Authorized Officer**

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	46459440000104 & 46459670000070	**1) Mr. Prajwal A,** Prop. **Prajwal Concrete Bricks, Also at: M/s. Prajwal Concrete Bricks, 2) Mrs. Venkatalakshmi N/ V Venkatalakshmamma, 3) Mr. Anjinappa S N**	**18.10.2025, Rs.7,15,547.39** (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Forty Seven and Thirty Nine Paisa Only) **due as on 16-10-2025**	**Date: 02.01.2026 Time: 04:30 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: **Item No.1:** All the piece and parcel of immovable residential bearing property site No.150, Sl.No.2213, situated at Sulibeli Village Sulibele Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **Bounded by the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Narasimhaiah's House, **North by:** Lakshmamma's House, **South by:** Remaining Property. Measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 20 Feet, Total Measuring 600 sq.feet. **Item No.2:** All the piece and parcel of immovable residential bearing property Site No.150, Sl.No.2213, situated at Sulibeli Village Sulibele Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **Bounded by the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Narasimhaiah's House, **North by:** Remaining portion of the same Property, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 20 Feet, Total Measuring 600 sq.feet.			
2	46459630001989 & 46459410001838	**1) Mrs. Padma C R, 2) Mr. Manjunatha M**	**18.10.2025, Rs.7,52,093.73** (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Ninety Three and Seventy Three Paisa Only) **due as on 12-10-2025**	**Date: 02.01.2026 Time: 04:07 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing No.7, situated at Chikka Aralagere Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, presently comes under the limits of Dodda Aralagere Village Panchayath and **Bounded by the: East by:** House of Muniyappa, **West by:** Road and Narayanappa, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Vacant site of Lakshmana. Measuring 30 Feet X 33 Feet.			
3	46450530000141	**1) Mr. Subramani, Also at: Wood Business, 2) Mrs. Anithamma**	**18.10.2025, Rs.4,83,784.40** (Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Se ven Hundred Eighty Four and Forty Paisa Only) **due as on 16-10-2025**	**Date: 02.01.2026 Time: 04:30 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the property Bearing No.22, situated at Shashimakanahalli Village, comes within the purview of Doddaaralagere Grama Panchayath, Hosakote Taluk Bangalore Rural District. **On the East:** Govt. Road, **On the West:** House of Munirathnamma, **On the North:** Property of Melada Munirangappa, **On the South:** Property of Melada Muniyappa. Measuring East-West 27 ft, North-South 43 ft, Totally Measuring 1161 sq.ft and bounded on.			
4	46459630001605	**1) Mr. Ranjith Kumar S C, 2) Mrs. Lakshmidevi D V, 3) Mr. M Ramanna**	**21.10.2025, Rs.4,27,712.39** (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve and Thirty Nine Paisa Only) **due as on 18-10-2025**	**Date: 02.01.2026 Time: 05:01 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential Site No.33, E Khatha ID No.150300402301200080, situated at K Sathyawara Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently come under the limits of Shivanapura Village Panchayath and **Bounded by the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.37, **North by:** Site No.34, **South by:** Site No.32. Measurements: East to West 9.144 Meters and North to South 12.192 Meters in all measuring 111.48 Sq.mtrs.			
5	32510430000110	**1) Mrs. Muniyamma, 2) Mr. Rajanna**	**22.10.2025, Rs.4,95,239.00** (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Only) **due as on 18-10-2025**	**Date: 02.01.2026 Time: 05:49 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.145/7/3, situated at Cheemandahalli Village, comes within the purview of Doddagattiganabbe Grama Panchayath, Hoskote Taluk and Bangalore Rural District, measuring East-West 40 ft, North-South 16 ft, totally measuring 640 Sq.ft and **Bounded on: East by:** 10 feet Road and Ashwath Katte, **West by:** Haraluru Muniyappa House, **North by:** Chandrappa House, **South by:** Government School and Road. Measuring East-West 40 ft, North-South 16 ft, totally measuring 640 Sq.ft.			

Whereas, the Borrowers/ Co-borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrowers/ Co-borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 08.01.2026 **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Can Fin Homes Ltd
Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
Vidyaranyapura Branch
No.964, RR Plaza, First Floor, 2nd Block
BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura,
Ph.080 35694123, Bangalore-560097
Email Id: vidyaranyapura@canfinhomes.com
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] [For Immovable Property]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **30.10.2025** calling upon the borrowers **Mr.CHANNAIAH B, Mrs.SHOBHA C, Mrs.PUSHPA B and Guarantor of Mr.SRINIVAS.N** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.31,47,639/-**(Thirty One Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Nine only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security InterestEnforcement Rules, 2002) on this the **06TH day of January of the year 2026.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of **Rs.31,47,639/-** (Thirty One Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Nineonly) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing at "Chowdeshwari Layout" Site No.24, Formed Out of Property bearing No.56/1, Khatha No.56/1, Situated at NALLASANDRA VILLAGE, Mantapa Grama Panchayathi, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring: East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 20 feet, in all measuring 800 Square feet along with building constructed there on bounded as follows:- East by: Site No.21,West by: Road, North by: Site No.23, South by: Site No.25.

Sd/-
Date : 07.01.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India
A Government of India Undertaking

NAGOLE BRANCH
H.No.2-4-50/3/C, Opp Bharat Petrol Bunk, Near Nagole X Roads, Hyderabad-500102

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic / Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit, Bid Increment are also mentioned hereunder:

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1.(a) M/s: Orange & Green Interiors Private Limited, 4th Floor, Flat No.B-407, The Platina, Sy.No.136, Gachibowli-Miyapur Road, Telangana-500032. **1.(b) Mr. Srinivasa Rao Vandana (Director-1),** Flat No.724, Block D, Vasavi Shanthiniketan, White Fields, Kondapur, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-500084. **1.(c) Mrs. Laxmi Naidu Vandana (Director-2),** Flat No.724, Block D, Vasavi Shanthiniketan, White Fields, Kondapur, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-500084. **2.(a) Mr. Vandana Madhava Rao,** Flat No.724, Block D, Vasavi Shanthiniketan, White Fields, Kondapur, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-500084. **2.(b) Mrs. Laxmi Prasanna,** Flat No.724, Block D, Vasavi Shanthiniketan, White Fields, Kondapur, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-500084

The secured debt for the recovery of which the immovable secured asset is to be sold: **Rs.3,34,19,781.93** + Future Interest + Other Expenses

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSETS TO BE SOLD:

All that piece and parcel of villa constructed on site bearing No. 244, 3rd cross having plint areas 1800 Sft in GF & FF and 400 Sft in Terrace in 288.88 Sq Yds situated at Sy Nos 93/1 and 93/2 of Celebrity Paradise Layout, Electronic City Phase-I, Doddathogur Village, Begurhobli, Bangalore South Taluq, Karnataka State and **Bounded by:** East: 35" Wide Road, West: Site No.245, North: Site No.243, South-Site No.229

Reserve Price: Rs.2,01,50,000/- EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Bid Increment: Rs.2,01,500/-

Date and Time E-Auction: 13-02-2026, Friday from 12:00 noon to 05:00 pm
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website-https://baanknet.com

Last date for submission of EMD: EMD shall be deposited and Linked/Map the EMD amount with the Property ID before End Time of Auction. It is advisable to deposit and Link / Map the EMD amount with the property ID well in advance to avoid any technical glitch.

Register on **https://baanknet.com** using mobile number and valid email ID. For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit Buyer Manual link provided in the home page of **https://baanknet.com.** For queries contact Number: 8291220220 email ID **support.baanknet@psballiance.com** Bidders are advised to go through the website: **https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx** and **www.unionbankofindia.co.in** tenders for detailed terms and conditions of Auction Sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the E-Auction sale proceedings. Successful bidder will be intimated through e-mail after the closing of the e-Bidding Process. For auction related queries e-mail Address at **2-4-50/3/C, Opp Bharat Petrol bunk, Near Nagole X Roads, Hyderabad-500102. Contact No: 8356811451** or **Mail ID ubin0811459@unionbankofindia.bank**

Notice of 30 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Date: 05.01.2026, Place: Nagole **Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India**

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
BRIDGES DEPARTMENT

Br. D. C. No. B3 / 079 / 2022 **Short e-Tender Notice**

Short e-tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer (Bridges) for the following work in Two Cover System as per details furnished below

Balance work for the construction of High level bridge across Coovum river at Chinna Nolumbur connecting Poonamallee High Road and Union Road in Div-143 & 144, Zone-XI.

Work value: Rs.10.30 crore including GST 18%	EMD 1% of the Work value

Tender Last date and Time: **12.01.2026** up to **3.00** P.M
Tender open date and Time: **13.01.2026** at **3.30** P.M
For more information see **http://tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR / 105 / Tender / 2026 **Superintending Engineer (Bridges) i/c**

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

SWM. C. No. A7 / 9250 / 2025 **Short E-Tender Notice**

Short E-Tender is invited by Superintending Engineer (SWM) in Solid Waste Management Department

Deployment of manpower and provide Rotomac Bin and 1100 litre capacity Compactor Bin for solid waste management activities in Tamil Nadu Habitat Development Board tenements on contract basis for a period of one year at Zone 4 for Rs.3.93 crores, Zone 8 for Rs.5.37 crores, Outer Perumbakkam Phase II for Rs.8.60 crores and Outer Perumbakkam I, III, IV, Ezhil Nagar and Light house scheme for Rs.7.30 crores

Tender submission online last date	27.01.2026 at 3.00 pm
Tender opening date	28.01.2026 at 4.00 pm

Tenderer can view and download the details of E-Tender from website **http://tntenders.gov.in** and may participate in tender EMD Amount 1% should be pay online payment through E-tender portal details given in Tender Document

DIPR / 89 / Tender / 2026 **Superintending Engineer (SWM)**

$350 million
was stolen in an online gambling and fraud ring, with police in Vietnam arresting 35 suspects

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Bangladesh to resume direct flights to Pak

DHAKA

BANGLADESH's flag carrier will resume direct flights between Dhaka and Pakistan's largest city Karachi from January 29, restoring non-stop air connectivity between the two countries after over a decade, officials said on Wednesday.

Initially, state-run Biman Bangladesh Airlines will operate twice a week, on Thursdays and Saturdays, on the Dhaka-Karachi route, the airline said in a statement. The flight will depart Dhaka at 8 pm local time and arrive in Karachi at 11 pm. The return flight will depart Karachi at 12 am and arrive in Dhaka at 4.20 am, it said.

Currently, passengers travelling between the two countries largely depend on connecting flights through hubs such as Dubai or Doha.

According to Biman officials, the plane would fly over Indian airspace, while the aerial distance between Dhaka and Karachi is around 2,370 kilometres.

It is not immediately known whether Bangladesh has secured the necessary clearance from New Delhi for overflight permissions. Biman officials said discussions with Pakistani authorities were underway for several months to restart the route, which will mark the first direct Dhaka'Karachi flights since 2012. The development comes amid growing bonhomie between Bangladesh and Pakistan following the fall of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina's regime in 2024, with Dhaka and Islamabad taking steps in recent months to rebuild diplomatic, trade and people-to-people ties after years of strained relations. Bangladesh gained independence from Pakistan in 1971. The re-launch follows formal approval from the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority, which has cleared Biman to operate on the route and to use designated air corridors within Pakistani airspace, the officials said.

"The launch of this new route is expected to make passenger travel between Bangladesh and Pakistan easier and more convenient. It will also open up new opportunities for business, tourism and family travel," Biman Bangladesh said in the press release. The new flights will be operated using modern aircraft and experienced flight crews, it said. *PTI*

Potential interest in JF-17 fighter jets

LAHORE: Bangladesh has expressed "potential interest" in procuring JF-17 Thunder fighter aircraft from Pakistan, the military said Wednesday. The multi-role jet, jointly developed by China and Pakistan, is claimed to have proved its combat capability during the four-day conflict with India in May 2025.

File: The vessel tanker Bella 1 at Singapore Strait after US officials say the Coast Guard pursued an oil tanker in international waters near Venezuela

US SEIZES TWO OIL TANKERS LINKED TO VENEZUELA

Back-to-back actions in Atlantic, Caribbean target vessels linked to shadow oil trade

WASHINGTON

THE United States has seized two sanctioned oil tankers linked to Venezuela in back-to-back actions in the North Atlantic and the Caribbean, officials said on Wednesday.

US European Command announced the seizure of the merchant vessel Bella 1 for "violations of US sanctions" in a social media post. The US had been pursuing the tanker since last month after it tried to evade a U.S. blockade on sanctioned oil vessels around Venezuela.

Then, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem revealed that US forces also took control of the tanker Sophia in the Caribbean. Noem said in a social media post both ships were "either last docked in Venezuela or en route to it."

Noem said that both ships are part of a large "ghost fleet" of sanctioned vessels that carry oil from Russia, Iran and Venezuela in defiance of Western sanctions, mostly to customers in Asia.

The Trump administration is "selectively" removing sanctions to enable the shipping and sale of Venezuelan oil to markets worldwide, according to an outline of the policies published Wednesday by the Energy Department.

The oil sales are slated to begin immediately with the sale of 30 million to 50 million barrels from the South American country. The US government said the sales "will continue indefinitely" with the proceeds settling in US-controlled accounts at "globally recognized banks." The money would then be disbursed to the US and Venezuelan populations at the "discretion" of Trump's government.

The two ship seizures come just days after US military forces conducted a surprise nighttime raid on Venezuela's capital of Caracas and captured then-President Nicolás Maduro and his wife, whom President Donald Trump's administration has accused of partnering with drug traffickers. Since that raid, officials in Trump's Republican administration have said that they intend to continue to seize sanctioned vessels connected to the country. *AP*

Greenland and Denmark seek US talks over takeover threat

DENMARK

DENMARK and Greenland are seeking a meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio after the Trump administration doubled down on its intention to take over the strategic Arctic island, a Danish territory.

Tensions escalated after the White House said Tuesday that the "US military is always an option." Donald Trump has argued that the US needs to control the world's largest island to ensure its own security in the face of rising threats from China and Russia in the Arctic.

Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen warned earlier this week that a U.S. takeover would amount to the end of NATO. "The Nordics do not lightly make statements like this," Maria Martisiute, a defense analyst at the European Policy Centre think tank, told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "But it is Trump, whose very bombastic language bordering on direct threats and intimidation, is threatening the fact to another ally by saying 'I will control or annex the territory.'"

The leaders of France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain and the United Kingdom joined Frederiksen in a statement Tuesday reaffirming that the mineral-rich island "belongs to its people." Their statement defended the sovereignty of Greenland, which is a self-governing territory of Denmark and part of NATO. The U.S. military action in Venezuela last weekend has heightened fears across Europe, and Trump and his advisers in recent days have reiterated a desire to take over the island, which guards the Arctic and North Atlantic approaches to North America.

Danish Foreign Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen and Greenland's Vivian Motzfeldt have sought an early meeting with Rubio, Greenland's government said on Tuesday. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Iran executes man convicted of spying for Israel

TEHRAN: Iran has executed a man convicted of spying for Israel's Mossad, state media reported Wednesday. The man, identified as Ali Ardestani, was accused of passing sensitive information in exchange for cryptocurrency payments. Iranian authorities said he confessed and his case was upheld by the Supreme Court. Rights groups have criticised Iran's use of the death penalty in espionage cases, citing closed trials and coerced confessions.

Clashes resume in Aleppo after civilian evacuations

ALEPPO: Fresh clashes erupted Wednesday in Syria's northern city of Aleppo after the army opened corridors for civilians to leave two Kurdish neighbourhoods ahead of a declared military operation. About 850 residents fled Sheikh Maqsoud and Achrafieh by noon, amid shelling that killed 11 people and wounded dozens. The government and the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces accused each other as fighting intensified, threatening fragile talks on merging forces.

VOLCANO ON ALERT

A series of mild eruptions at the most active volcano in the Philippines has prompted the evacuation of nearly 3,000 villagers in a permanent danger zone on its foothills. In the picture lava flows from the crater of the Mayon volcano as alert level 3 remains raised in Albay province, north eastern Philippines | AP

China probes Japan chip imports amid trade tensions

BEIJING

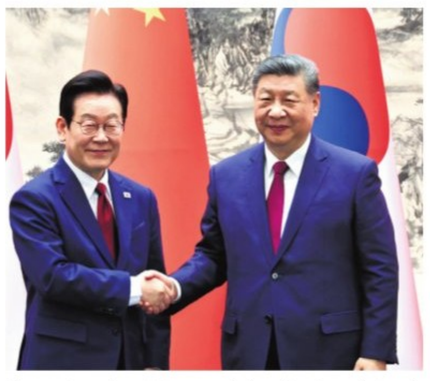
CHINA escalated its trade tensions with Japan on Wednesday by launching an investigation into imported dichlorosilane, a chemical gas used in making semiconductors, a day after it imposed curbs on the export of so-called dual-use goods that could be used by Japan's military.

The Chinese Commerce Ministry said in a statement that it had launched the investigation following an application from the domestic industry showing the price of dichlorosilane imported from Japan had decreased 31% between 2022 and 2024.

"The dumping of imported products from Japan has damaged the production and operation of our domestic industry," the ministry said. The measure comes a day after Beijing banned exports to Japan of dual-use goods that can have military applications.

Beijing has been showing mounting displeasure with Tokyo after new Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi suggested late last year that her nation's military could intervene if China were to take action against Taiwan — an island democracy that Beijing considers its own territory.

Tensions were stoked again on Tuesday when Japanese lawmaker Hei Seki, who last year was sanctioned by China for "spreading fallacies" about Taiwan and other disputed territories, visited Taiwan and called it an independent country. Also known as Yo Kitano, he has been banned from entering China. He told reporters that his arrival in Taiwan demonstrated the two are "different countries.""I came to Taiwan … to prove this point, and to tell the world that Taiwan is an independent country," Hei Seki said, according to Taiwan's Central News Agency. *AP*



Chinese President Xi Jinping shaking hands with South Korean President Lee Jae Myung during a ceremony in China | AP

Israel clears final hurdle for West Bank settlement near Jerusalem

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL has cleared the final hurdle before starting construction on a contentious settlement project near Jerusalem that would effectively cut the West Bank in two, according to a government tender.

The tender, which seeks bids from developers, would clear the way to begin construction of the E1 project. The anti-settlement monitoring group Peace Now first reported the tender. Yoni Mizrahi, who runs the group's settlement watch division, said initial work could begin within the month.

Settlement development in E1, an open tract of land east of Jerusalem, has been under consideration for more than two decades, but was frozen due to US pressure during previous administrations. The international community overwhelmingly considers Israeli settlement construction in the West Bank to be illegal and an obstacle to peace.

The E1 project is especially contentious because it runs from the outskirts of Jerusalem deep into the occupied West Bank. Critics say it would prevent the establishment of a contiguous Palestinian state in the territory. Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, a far-right politician who oversees settlement policy, has long pushed for the plan to become a reality.

"The Palestinian state is being erased from the table not with slogans but with actions," he said in August, when Israel gave final approval to the plan. "Every settlement, every neighborhood, every housing unit is another nail in the coffin of this dangerous idea."

The tender, publicly accessible on the website for Israel's Land Authority, calls for proposals to develop 3,401 housing units. Peace Now says the publication of the tender "reflects an accelerated effort to advance construction in E1. Syrian and Israeli officials met Tuesday in Paris for US-mediated talks intended to broker a security agreement to defuse tensions between the two countries. *AP*

Hamas restarts hostage search

GAZA CITY: Hamas officials told AFP that search operations for the remains of the last Israeli hostage held in Gaza resumed on Wednesday after a two-week pause due to bad weather. Israel has previously said it is awaiting the return of Ran Gvili's body before beginning talks on the second phase of the fragile ceasefire agreement with Hamas which came into effect in October. A Hamas official said the group's armed wing, accompanied by Red Cross teams, has resumed the search for the body of the last Israeli captive in Gaza City's Zeitun area.

Yemen council expels separatist leader amid rift

ADEN: A council fighting against Yemen's Houthi rebels said Wednesday that it had expelled the leader of a separatist movement and charged him with treason after he reportedly declined to travel to Saudi Arabia for talks. Meanwhile, a separatist group in southern Yemen said Wednesday that it was urgently trying to contact a delegation that travelled to the Saudi capital, Riyadh, for talks on de-escalating tensions between rival forces on the ground. The latest upheaval in southern Yemen is revealing a growing divide among the Persian Gulf powers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property belonging to Smt.B N Padma Shree, Wife of Sri.B P Nagesh, Aged about 50 years, Residing at No:59, First Floor, Rama Iyengar Road, Visveswarapuram, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004;

The duplicate Gift Deed dt:15-05-2017 executed by Sri.M R Seetharama Setty and registered as Document No:701/2017-18, Book I, stored in CD No.GAND289 and registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore, in respect of the schedule property is lost and complaint dt:07-01-2026 is lodged with Police Unit, Bangalore City under lost report No.1996900/2026;

Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property or the above lost document or claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by speed post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 7 (seven) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire commercial property bearing Municipal No:109/1 (previously northern portion of composite property bearing No:113/109), situated at Old Kasai Road, Kumbarpet, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Bangalore Central Nagara Palike,, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:119-Dharmaraya Swamy Temple (old ward No.47), PID No:47-94-109/1, EPID No.2748612582, together with structures standing thereon and bounded on the :

East by : Old Kasai Road;
West by : Property belonging to Sri.Umashankarappa;
North by : Property belonging to Annadana Samathi;
South by : Property bearing No:109 (previously southern portion of composite property bearing No:113/109) belonging to Sri.B P Nagesh;
Measuring : East to West: 33 ft. 6 inches; North to South: 10 ft;
In all ad-measuring 335 sq.ft.;

N S RACHANA
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Rachana Law Associates,
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage,
BANGALORE – 560 070
PH : 9731810810 / 9886284325
Dt : 07-01-2026

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVI ADDL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, AT BENGALURU
C.MISC.NO.4095/2025
BETWEEN: 1. KRISHNA KAR, W/o Late Sushil Kar, Aged about 78 years, 2. ANIRBAN KAR, S/o Sushil Kar, Aged about 49 years, R/at No.137, Mission Road, Ranaghat-I, Nadia, West Bengal-741201.
PETITIONERS
AND: The Commissioner, Registrar of Births & Deaths, BBMP, BENGALURU, RESPONDENT
PAPER PUBLICATION/PUBLIC NOTICE
WHEREAS, the above petitioners had filed the petition for issue of Death Certificate of Deceased, who is the son of the petitioner No.1 and brother of the petitioner No.2 deceased by named as LATE DIPYAMAN KAR, S/o SUSHIL KAR, as he has died on 20.01.2023, at No.47, 8TH Main, Shakambari Nagar, J.P.Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru -560078,
If any person interested in this matter, may appear before this Hon'ble XXVI ACJM, either personally or through pleader duly instructed with objection if any on 22/6 at 11.00 a.m. failing which, the above case will be heard and decided Ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 23rd day of December 2025.
By order of the Court
SHERISTEDAR, XXVI Addl. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, AT BENGALURU
ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER: SRI PUNEETH KUMAR, Advocate, No.36, 1ST Main, 4th Cross, Lakkanna Layout, Mariyappan Palya, Bengaluru-560056.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client Ms. S M JAMUNA, D/o S N Muninarayana, residing at No.2 A, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, Someshwara Layout, Bangalore North, Yelahanka, Bangalore, Karnataka 560064, intends to purchase Site No. 15/A, in Yelahanka City Municipal Assessment No. 1134/364, BBMP Katha No. 1043/1134/364/15/A, PID No. 1573260463, situated at Chikkabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli and Taluk, Bangalore from their respective owner Mr. P.SAIRAM, S/o Late P.Lakshmana Rao, residing at No. 333, 8th B Main Road, Ist Stage, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064.

Any person having any right, title, interest, or claim in respect of the said properties, whether by way of sale, exchange, gift, mortgage, charge, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, or in any manner whatsoever, is hereby called upon to contact the undersigned with all relevant documents **within 15 days*** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no such claims are received within the above period, my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with the aforesaid owners by executing a registered Sale Deed, and no objections or claims raised thereafter shall be entertained.

A. CHANDRASHEKARAIAH, Advocate
52, 1st B Main Road, Ganesha Temple Street, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

I Ms. NITHEYA R, W/o Ramesha S, residing at No. 1017/E, 3rd 'A' Main Road, Near Bus Stand, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560040 I have lost /misplace my original Sale Deed Document No. NGB-1-01671-2007-08 and the original Gift Deed Document No. BLN-1-22670-2006-07. Complaint given to Bangalore City Police (LR No. 1988583/2026). If any person has found the above-mentioned original documents, Kindly contact to above address or nearest Police Station or call 9901190744.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
O.A. No. 608/2025

Between:
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
And:
M/s. Nutan Apparels and Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT No.1 to 3 UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. M/s, Nutan Apparels, Represented by its Partners, O/at No. 313, Chemasandra Village Vigro Nagar, Post Ramaiah Colony CD, Madras Road, Avalahalli, Bengaluru-560049 PAN No: AAPFN4174P, Email ID: nutanapparels1@gmail.com
2. Manoj Kumar Agarwalla S/o Nathmal Agarwalla, Aged about 49 years, R/at- B1, 402, Shriram Shreyas, Telecom Colony, Kodegahalli, Vidhyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097 PAN No.- AFRPA2615R, Mob. No. 9916861444 Permanent address- G1-203, Shriram Shreyas, Near Kodigehalli Police Station, Bangalore North, Vidhyaranyapura, Bangalore- 560097
3. Ramesh C S/o- Chikkamuniyappa Aged about 48 years, R/at- 105, 2nd Cross, Opp. Kaveri College, Kothihosahalli (Maruthi Nagar), Bangalore North, Sahakaranagar, P.O., Bangalore-560092 PAN No.- AOKPR3794N Mob. No.- 9845517460 ...Defendants

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to banks and financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of Rs. 24,48,228.39/- (Rupees Twenty-Four Lakhs Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty- Eight and Thirty-Nine Paise Only) together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.
You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on 06/02/2026 at 11:00 A.M. in person or by pleader /Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this. 02nd day of January, 2026.
By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Bengaluru

Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Ltd
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
OT 217	CE / MTPS-II	Design Supply Erection and Commissioning of a new Pressurised Dense Fly ash Collection PDFAC Phase II

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in
DIPR/99/Tender/2026

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No:BDA/EE/HPD-1/TEN/T-173/2025-26 Date:07.01.2026

SHORT-TERM INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)-Call 2
(Through GoK e-Procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)

Short-Term Tender is invited **for Providing Consultancy Services for Project Management and Quality assurance with Marketing for the Construction of 4 BHK and 3 BHK Housing Project in Sy. No. 8/2 of Kalathammanahalli Village & Sy. No. 46,47/1,47/2,47/3,47/4 & 48 of Byalakere village,Hesarghatta Hobli, Yelahanka taluk in DSKL Layout on Lump Sum Turnkey Basis based on Tenderer's Own Design** under Two Cover System invited by Bangalore Development Authority (Indent Number: BDA/2025-26/SE0064/CALL-2).

Tender Schedule is as below.

Tender Schedule: (1) Date of availability of Tender Documents in e-portal: **07.01.2026 (2)** Last date and time for submission of Tender Pre-Bid enquiries: **12.01.2026, 3.00 P.M. (3)** Date and time of Tender Pre-Bid Meeting: **14.01.2026, 3.00 P.M. (4)** Last date and time for submission of Tender: **02.02.2026, 4.00 P.M. (5)** Date of opening Technical Bid of Tender: **03.02.2026 after 4.30 P.M.**

Interested Bidders can view further details on **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and for more details it is requested to contact the Housing Project Division-1 of BDA during office hours.

Note: For any reason if there is delay in uploading the Tender Documents in e-portal, the revised/modified Tender Schedule will only be published in e-portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, HPD-1 Division, BDA,Bengaluru

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ASIA MATTERS

PLAN TO BUILD HAJ VILLAGE IN MECCA

Plans are under way to lower the cost of the annual Haj pilgrimage by building a dedicated Haj Village in Mecca, expanding flight capacity and shortening pilgrims' stays, officials said on Tuesday. The proposed village would allow tighter control over accommodation and logistics, while additional flights are expected to ease congestion during the peak season. Authorities also aim to reduce the average stay from about 41 days to closer to regional norms, cutting living expenses for pilgrims. The project, to be managed by a state-backed agency, is expected to be operational only after 2026.

FIRE DESTROYS SPEEDBOATS AT PHUKET PIER

A major fire tore through Chalong Bay pier early Wednesday, destroying at least 10 speedboats and causing losses estimated at several million baht. Flames erupted around 4 am from a moored vessel and quickly spread along the pier, lighting up the sky. Firefighters from multiple agencies battled strong winds and difficult access as police sealed nearby roads and urged the public to avoid the area. The blaze was still not fully contained by morning. Authorities have launched an investigation, with the cause yet to be determined, and have asked boat owners and witnesses to come forward.

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
102.20 ▼	Sensex	84,961.14	₹660 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹139,630	₹4,000 ▲	1 kg	₹257,000	▼ Dollar	89.94
37.95 ▼	Nifty	26,140.75	₹600 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹128,000	₹40 ▲	10 gm	₹2,570	▼ Euro	105.17

Private banks see CASA deposits falling in Q3

Public sector peers have performed better in both credit disbursals and deposit mobilisation for 4th straight quarter

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

MAJORITY of the private sector lenders have seen their CASA books falling in the December quarter despite growth in deposits. Their public sector peers have performed better in both credit disbursals and deposit mobilisation for the fourth consecutive quarter.

The declining Current Account and Savings Account (CASA), which is the cheapest source of funds for a bank, has serious implications for a lender's profitability as higher cost of funds eats into the net interest margin, which is the core part of a bank's profitability.

Barring industry leader SBI and second largest private sector lender ICICI Bank almost all the banks have shared their business performance in the December quarter.

Among the large private sector banks, Kotak Mahindra Bank has seen the steepest fall in CASA ratio, which plunged 101 bps YoY in the quarter to 41.3, even though its deposit mobilisation grew 14.6% and credit disbursals jumped 16%, as per the Indus Equity Advisors data. The only exceptions to this falling CASA trend are the mid-sized Yes Bank, South Indian Bank and Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank. While Yes Bank registered a 30 bps growth in CASA ratio at 34 despite a nearly muted deposit growth of 5.5% and loan growth of 5.2%, South Indian Bank saw CASA book inching up by 2 bps to 31.8% even as its deposits grew 12.2% and loans grew by 11.3% in the quarter, and Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank declared a 59 bps growth in CASA ratio at 27.9 while its loans grew 16.3% and deposits rose 12.5%.

Axis Bank saw its CASA book falling by 60 bps to 39.1% even though its loans grew 14.1% and overall deposit mobilisation grew 15%.

Indusind Bank has seen its new loan growth declining by 13.1% and deposits declining by 3.8% and CASA ratio falling 30.3, down 43 bps from the year ago period in December 2025.

On the other hand, largest private sector player HDFC Bank has seen only a marginal 27 bps decline in the CASA ratio to 33.6, even as it saw its overall deposits growing by 11.5% and fresh loans by 11.9%.

Dhanalaxmi Bank saw its CASA ratio falling by 74 bps to 28.1 even as its deposits jumped 18.4% and new loans grew 23.9%. Bandhan Bank saw CASA ratio falling by 70 bps to 27.3, and loans growing by 10% and deposits rising by 11.1%. AU Bank saw its CASA ratio falling by 505 bps to 28.9 while deposits rose 23.3% and loans grew 24%.

Most state-run banks did not share their CASA numbers. However, five of them said their low-cost books rose. Central Bank of India said its CASA book rose by 41 bps to 47.1%, Uco Bank's grew by 30 bps to 38.4%, Indian Bank's grew by 17 bps to 37.3% and Punjab& Sindh Bank said its CASA deposits grew 71 bps to 31%. Surprisingly, Bank of Maharashtra saw its low-cost deposits falling by a huge 80 bps to 49.6%.

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Kotak Mahindra Bank has seen steepest fall in CASA ratio, which plunged **101** bps YoY in Dec quarter to **41**

ONLY EXCEPTIONS TO FALLING CASA TREND ARE MID-SIZED YES BANK, SOUTH INDIAN BANK & TAMILNADU MERCANTILE BANK

Yes Bank saw **30** bps growth in Casa ratio, South Indian Bank CASA book inched up by **2** bps to **31.8%** even as its deposits grew TMB declared a **59** bps growth in CASA ratio at **27.9**

IndusInd Bank CASA ratio fell **30.3**, down **43** bps from the year ago period in Dec 2025

Credit card spends surge 11.5% in Nov to ₹1.89 lakh crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

CREDIT card spending rose by 11.5% year-on-year to ₹1.89 lakh crore in November, driven by higher card penetration and e-commerce spending but declined 11.9% from October, largely due to the normalisation of post-festive demand.

The November growth is twice the 5% rise observed in the same period last year. Outstanding credit card balances stood at ₹2.96 lakh crore as of November as against ₹2.89 lakh crore in November 2024. The share of credit card outstanding balances in total retail loans came down by 40 bps to 4.6% in November from 5% a year earlier, attributable to the RBI's tighter norms on unsecured lending and issuance curbs, which slowed new credit extensions, as per Care Ratings.

Total credit card spending rose from ₹13.7 lakh crore as of November 2004 to ₹15.6 lakh crore in November, a growth of 14.1%, reflecting an expansion in card-based consumption.

Private sector banks, which lead credit card market, retained their dominance with a 73.8% share in November, despite a 160-bps decline YoY. Public sector banks increased their share to 20.8% from 17.8%.

However, credit cards market remains concentrated among a few large players, with three large private bank issuers and five large state banks accounting for 80% share, Saurabh Bhalerao, associate director at Care Ratings, said on Wednesday. Total number of outstanding credit cards grew from 10.7 crore in November 2024 to 11.5 crore in November 2025, reflecting a steady increase in penetration.

Issuance was led by public sector banks growing at 7.6% aided by their ability to cross-sell cards and gain share amid more cautious risk pricing by their private counterparts who grew 7.3% as tighter underwriting norms and heightened delinquency concerns tempered incremental sourcing despite continued focus on co-branded partnerships and digital acquisition channels. Private issuers average spending per card was ₹17,128, a marginal 2% increase, while, state banks saw a significant 21% increase, with per-card spending rising to Rs 14,323 as newer cardholders increased utilisation.

Pvt banks see 160 bps decline in credit growth

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REAL ESTATE

Supertech ORB revival plan gets NCLT approval

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a major relief to the allottees of the Supertech ORB project in Noida, the NCLT Allahabad bench has formally approved the resolution plan submitted by Brickboss Infra to revive the stalled real estate firm. The approved plan provides for a financial outlay of ₹420.86 crore against total creditors' claim of ₹632 crore.

As per the resolution plan, secured financial creditors – Assets Care and Reconstruction Enterprise – will receive ₹305 crore, representing a recovery of about 56.25% of their admitted claims of ₹543 crore. NOIDA Authority will receive ₹110.59 crore toward full and final settlement of land dues and charges. The resolution plan categorises allottees of Supertech ORB project based on their status and project tower, offering them either possession of completed units or refunds.

Brickboss Infra has proposed a construction-linked schedule to handover units. Allottees of Opulent Tower will receive the possession in 12 months, Brilliant Tower in 18 months, and Cape Berry 5, 6 & Cove Silver 11 in 36 months. Cape Castle 1 & 2 towers are already completed.

Allottees who do not wish to continue with the project may seek a refund of the principal amount paid. Refunds will be credited within one month from the date the successful resolution applicant (SRA) resells the concerned unit. Those who default on construction-linked payments may have their allotments cancelled, though they remain entitled to a refund of their principal once the unit is sold to a third party.

Cap banks' dividend payout at 75% of profit: RBI

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Banks must report positive adjusted net profit

Domestic banks must report positive adjusted net profit for relevant period, while foreign banks must have positive net income to remit profit to their head offices. Banks must not be subject to any explicit restrictions imposed by the RBI or any other authority to be eligible to pay dividend

THE Reserve Bank has issued a draft framework proposing to cap the banks' dividend payout at 75% of net profit.

The draft regulations suggest compliance with applicable regulatory capital norms at the end of the previous fiscal year and continued compliance in the year of the dividend payout with capital levels remaining above the regulatory thresholds even after the dividend payment. Domestic banks must report positive adjusted net profit for the relevant period, while foreign banks operating in branch mode must have positive net income to remit profit to their head offices. In addition, banks must not be subject to any explicit restrictions imposed by the RBI or any other authority to be eligible to pay dividend, the draft said.

For calculating net income, banks are required to exclude exceptional or extraordinary income and any overstated profits flagged by statutory auditors. Dividend or profit remittances can't be funded from unrealised gains on fair valuation of level 3 financial instruments, or from certain provision reversals and unrealised gains linked to loan transfers, in line with existing RBI directions, the new draft said.

In 2023, the RBI undertook a review of existing prudential norms governing dividend payouts and remittance of profits, including those applicable to foreign banks operating in branch mode. As part of this exercise, a draft of the revised framework was released for public comments on January 2, 2024. Following stakeholder feedback and consultations, the RBI has issued draft directions proposing a revised methodology for computing maximum eligible dividend pay-out. Foreign banks that meet eligibility criteria may remit net profit earned from domestic operations without prior RBI approval, provided their accounts are audited.

VEDANTA CHAIRMAN ANIL AGARWAL'S SON DIES IN SKIING MISHAP

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

VEDANTA Ltd chairman Anil Agarwal's son Agnivesh Agarwal has died following a skiing accident in the United States. Agnivesh was 49. Agnivesh Agarwal was chairman of Talwandi Sabo Power Limited, a Vedanta-promoted company. He is also on the board of several other Vedanta Ltd subsidiaries and associated companies.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Agarwal said his son, who was recovering in hospital after the accident, suffered a sudden cardiac arrest. "We believed the worst was behind us. But fate had other plans," he wrote, calling it "the darkest day" of his life. Recalling his son's life, Agarwal said Agnivesh was born in Patna on June 3, 1976, and grew up to be "a man of strength, compassion, and purpose." He described him as a sportsman, musician and leader, who studied at Mayo College, Ajmer, and went on to establish Fujairah Gold. Agnivesh later served as Chairman of Hindustan Zinc.

"Beyond all titles and achievements, he remained simple, warm, and deeply human," the Vedanta chairman wrote.

Agarwal said even in grief, he and his wife Kiran draw strength from thousands of young people working across Vedanta group, whom they consider children.

Realty sector seeks affordable housing cap hike

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE real estate sector is pushing for changes to the affordable housing definition, eased liquidity for buyers and developers and industry status in the upcoming Union Budget, amid sales pressure over the past year from soaring property prices.

Pradeep Aggarwal, founder & chairman, Signature Global (India), said the extension and reintroduction of the Credit-Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) could provide meaningful relief to aspiring homebuyers, especially first-time buyers, while stimulating demand across various housing segments. Aggarwal added that expanding definition of affordable housing to include homes priced up to ₹1 crore would better reflect current market realities and reinforce the government's 'Housing for All' vision. "Real estate sector contributes about 7% to India's GDP and supports 200 allied industries. Granting industry status will improve access to institutional funding, cut borrowing costs and enhance transparency, enabling the sector to play a stronger role in job creation and growth," said Aggarwal.

Revisiting the affordable housing definition can help restart supply in urban and fringe markets where projects are no longer viable under old price limits —Avneesh Sood, director, Eros Group

Avneesh Sood, director, Eros Group said that over the last few years, land prices, material costs, labour expenses and compliance requirements have all increased, and policies need to reflect this reality.

"Revisiting the affordable housing definition can help restart supply in urban and fringe markets where projects are no longer viable under old price limits. Clarity on REIT and InvIT taxation is important to attract long-term capital into commercial real estate and infrastructure assets. The sector expects a clear GST road map to reduce cascading taxes, support for green steel and cement, and continued investment in urban infrastructure such as water, drainage, and logistics parks," said Sood.

Affordable housing in India generally means homes within reach of low-to-middle-income groups, defined by government schemes (like PMAY) by income levels, carpet area limits, and price caps (₹45 lakh for metros/non-metros, varying by location). Budget 2026, likely to be presented on February 1, comes at a time when housing sales have seen a sharp dip, affected by ever-increasing property prices, layoffs in the IT sector, geopolitical tensions, and other uncertainties, Real estate consultant firm ANAROCK Research's data indicates housing sales in top 7 cities witnessed a 14% decline in 2025, with 3,95,625 units sold in the year against 4,59,645 units in 2024.

Dhaval Ajmera, director – corporate affairs, Ajmera Group, said the sector expects waiving off the cap currently placed on home loans and introducing tax benefits on the interest paid by buyers, irrespective of the ticket size.

Business & Beyond

POWERGRID augments oncology infrastructure at HBCHRC, New Chandigarh

Gurugram: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) a Maharatna PSU under Ministry of Power has handed over state-of-the-art medical imaging systems worth approximately 12.25 crores to the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (HBCHRC), New Chandigarh, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The advanced equipment, comprising a 128-slice CT Scan system and a Bi-Plane Digital Subtraction Angiography (DSA) system was formally handed over in the presence of senior officials from POWERGRID and HBCHRC. These medical imaging systems are expected to transform the hospital's clinical capabilities by enabling faster, high-precision imaging, early cancer detection, and support for complex minimally invasive procedures. This initiative forms part of POWERGRID's broader CSR commitment to strengthening healthcare infrastructure and promoting inclusive social development across the country.

GRSE's strengthen export drive; 2nd multi-purpose vessel project takes shape with keel laying

Kolkata: As a mark of its commitment towards "Make in India, Make for the World" vision, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) laid keel for the second vessel of multi-purpose vessel (MPV) project being executed for Germany's Carsten RehderSchiffsmakler and Reederei GmbH & Co. KG, on Monday, December 29, 2025. This contract - largest for MPVs in GRSE's history - is a testament to the shipyard's efforts towards diversification of products and expansion to global market. The ceremony was graced by M Venkatesh Murthy, chief general manager, CSB, GRSE, Sujoy Chakravorty, chief GM, commercial, GRSE, in the presence of senior officials from GRSE and representatives from the German shipping firm& DNV.

TrueGiv India leverages tech to democratise access to CSR funds

TrueGiv India Foundation is an NGO (non-governmental organisation) that leverages technology to democratise access to CSR funds. TrueGiv'sunique platform allows remote schools from across the country to register their requirements online.All theirneeds are fulfilled by using reputed e-com platforms. This ensures visibility and transparency during the entire process. Every year, companies and individuals contribute funds to support education. The intent is genuine. However, educators struggle to communicate precise needs and donors struggle to track tangible outcomes. Thus, student learning suffers. This gap between intention and impact is where TrueGiv steps in. TrueGiv connects companies and individual donors directly with verified remote, low-income schools through its 'one-of-a-kind', digital platform. Support to schools is provided through a simple, fully online five-step process.

IndiGo takes delivery of country's first Airbus A321XLR at Delhi Airport

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INDIGO has become the first Indian airline to induct an Airbus A321XLR aircraft in its fleet as the long-range variant of the Airbus A321neo arrived at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi, on Wednesday morning.

The aircraft will be deployed on the airline's upcoming non-stop services connecting Mumbai to Athens from January 23, 2026, and Delhi to Athens from January 24, 2026, operating thrice weekly on both routes.

Of the total order of 40 A321XLR aircraft, nine are likely to be delivered in calendar year 2026. After its first international induction to operate non-stop services to Athens, subsequent aircraft will be deployed on existing routes such as Istanbul, Turkey and Denpasar, Bali. Thereafter deliveries will enable IndiGo to expand to new long-haul routes in Europe and East Asia.

Pieter Elbers, Chief Executive Officer, IndiGo said that this is an important milestone as we prepare to redefine long-haul travel for India. "The advanced capabilities of this aircraft enable us to reach newer regions across the globe and further strengthen India's position as a key player in international aviation. This reinforces our commitment to giving wings to the nation by connecting it to the world."

The Airbus A321XLR, with its 8,700 km range and superior fuel efficiency, marks a key addition to IndiGo's fleet as India's largest airline eyes expansion into long-haul international routes.

Jürgen Westermeier, President & MD, Airbus India and South Asia said that by opening up mid-to-long-haul routes that were previously unreachable by single-aisle aircraft, this delivery serves as a catalyst for IndiGo's international growth while significantly enhancing India's global connectivity.

DEPARTMENT FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Podium Block, V.V.Tower, Ground Floor, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi Road, Bangalore 560 001. Telephone No. 080-22866066, 080-22866046
Email Address: **dirdwdscka@gmail.com, dir-dwds-ka@nic.in**

No: DEDASC/STAFF/C1/14/2025-26 **Dated: 06.01.2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement only)

Tender is invited by the Director, Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, under e-Procurement platform/e-portal in two parts (i.e., Technical bid and Financial bid) from the original manufacturers or their authorized dealers for supply of 554 Sewing Machine for the Hearing Impaired persons for the year 2025-26 to the Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens. The interested bidders may see further details and may login in website :**www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
The tender can be submitted on or before **21.01.2026 till 05.00 PM**. The technical bid will be opened on **22.01.2026 at 05.30 PM** and the financial bid will be opened on **23.01.2026 at 12.00 PM.** Department reserves all rights to accept, reject, incorporate changes and retender without giving any reasons. The details can be obtained from the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Podium Block, V.V. Tower, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001, Phone No:080-22866066, 28860907. For more info please see department website **www.dwdsc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Director,
Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4899/Zen/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are undertaking a title investigation on all that piece and parcel of immovable property more fully described in the **'Schedule'** hereunder and hereinafter referred to as **'Schedule Property'**. The said title due diligence is being conducted for and on behalf of our Client who is desirous of acquiring by way of sale, the Schedule Property from its present owners **Mr. Mohammed Maaz**, son of Mr. Abdul Latif and **Mr. Azeem Shaik** son of Mr. Nabi Shaik (hereinafter referred to as the Owners'). The Owners have represented to our Client that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property, with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owners, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Property or submit their objections, if any, to the aforementioned transaction. The said claim's or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof to support such claim's or objections and must be delivered to us at the address given below within a period of **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owners, has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property, and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the said transaction in connection with the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Property)
All that piece and parcel of the **Site bearing No. 14,** Katha No. 875, in portion of Property No. 148/1, having **BBMP E PID No. 3621458860,** situated at Manjunatha Layout 5th Cross, Nagawara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru Nort Taluk, presently coming under BBMP Ward No. 6, Bengaluru and measuring **East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq. Ft** bounded on its: **East by :** Road: **West by ;** Private Property: **North by :** Road: **South by :** Site No. 13.
Date : 06.01.2026 **Place :** Bangalore
Sd/- Rekha C V, Advocate.
Shri Nilaya, No. 101. Kanthi Enclave, Dinnur Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032 9964825311

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Page No. 9 of a registered Gift Deed (Registration No: RRN-1-09142-2021-22, recorded in Book No. 1, stored in CD No. RRND996, dated 23-02-2022) registered at the Sub-Registrar Office, Jayanagar (Rajarajeshwari Nagar), Bangalore, has been misplaced/lost during document verification.Any person who finds the said document is requested to return it to the address mentioned below. Any person dealing with the said misplaced page does so at their own risk.

Contact: **Mr. Venkatesh B.P.**
SV Associates & Tax Consultants,
No. 01, LIC Jeevan Deepa Layout, Opp. Century Indus Apartment, RR Nagar, Bangalore.
Phone: 9483317644 / 9845619820

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House,Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.1600/2024

Between: Canara Bank, Yelachenahalli Branch Bangalore **...Applicant**

And

M/s. Modern Apparels, Proprietor: Mrs. Nethravathi T. G. W/o. Mr. Umamahesh, Aged about 43 years, No. 31st Floor, Harinagara Cross, Amruthnagar, Bangalore - 560 062, **PAN : EPUPR7445D**
And Also at : Jayadeva Hostel, B. H. Road, Tiptur, Karntaka - 572 201. **....Defendant**

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.24,36,302.62** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Two and Paise Sixty Two Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authroized agent in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on the **20.02.2026 at 10.30 a.m.**, as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **17.12.2025**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore

No.8715/PW/PH/DB-DRII/F.946/2025-26
GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY P.W.D., PUDUCHERRY

Tender No.45/PHD/2025-26 Puducherry, dt. 07.01.2026

Notice Inviting RFP

On behalf of the President of India, online bids for RFP work is invited by the Executive Engineer, PH Division, PWD, Puducherry towards **"Consultancy Services for Carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and obtaining Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Clearance for Various Infrastructure Development Projects in the U.T. of Puducherry"**. Prebid Meeting: **11.00 A.M on 19.01.2026**; Last time & date of submission of tender : **4.00 P.M on 27.01.2026**. Date of opening : **11.00 A.M on 28.01.2026**. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **www.pudutenders.gov.in**

No.699/DIP/AD(Press)/2025-26 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PHD)**

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Rayapudi, Amaravati- 522 237 (A.P.)

NIT No. MAU61-USI0HB(OTH)/513/2025-HB/01 **Dated: 07.01.2026**

E PROCUREMENT SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Name of Work: APCRDA-"Preparation of Parade ground, Parking area & formation of approach roads to venue for Republic Day celebrations-2026 in Amaravati Capital City, Amaravati, APCRDA"- **Estimate Cost:Rs.7.80 Crores.**
The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **08.01.2026 to 12.01.2026** up to **14.00 Hrs.** Due date for submission of Bid is **12.01.2026** up to **15.00 Hrs,** Technical bid opening **12.01.2026 @16.00 Hrs.** For further details Please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.crda.ap.gov.in.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer,
H & B Offices, APCRDA, Amaravati.

Zilla Panchayath Kolar-563101

Office of the Executive Engineer Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Kolar-563101
Phone No: 08152-222570, e-mail: eepredkolar1@gmail.com
No: 20/2025-26 Date: 05.01.2026

Single/Two Cover System Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurment KW-II & III)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Act 2000 item rate tenders were invited in Single/two cover system (SBD) in the forms KW-2&3 through e-procurement from authorized PWD contractors registered in appropriate class for the works approved under CMIDP of Improvements to village roads of Kolar Assembly Constituency in Kolar District. In the KW-2&3 forms Indent No: 22147, 22129, 22219 (SC Reserved), 22133, 22162 (ST Reserved), Indent No: 22212 (CAT-I), Indent No: 22151, 22135, 22130, 22217, 22167, 22209 & 22132 (CAT-IIA) works. Average Amount put to tender for works is from Rs. 24.31 to 81.44 lakhs The contractor's are requested for participate in e-Tender through GOK website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** last date for submission of tender application and uploading tender forms through **website dt: 23.01.2026 up to 4.00pm** and date of opening of technical bids in e-portal on **date: 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM.** The eligible technically qualified contractors the date of opening of financial bids will be intimated. The notification can be obtained from the e-procurement portal. Further details can be had from the above office on all working days in working hours. E-Procurement helpline No's for tender clarification with respect uploading and downloading you can **contact: 91 9240214000 & +91 9240214001.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PRE Division, Kolar
DIPR/KOLAR/RO:434/KSMCA/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENT LOST

My Client Husband Mr. **VENKATESHWARA G M**, Residing at No.**64**, 1st Cross, Wahab Garden, Benson Town, BANGALORE : 560 **046. Has lost the Original Document had Purchased the same from Mr. YUVRAJ**, S/o. Mr. Laxman, through a Sale Deed, duly Registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, Vide Document No. **3516**/1994-95, of Book-I, Volume No.3675, Pages: 80-86, Dated : 21-01-1995, and Later the said Mr. **VENKATESHWARA G M**, expired on **17-01-2012, On Transit Original** Document is misplaced/ lost and he has made a reasonable and diligent search for the lost Document, **but failed in that attempt,** and I am being the legal wedded wife Mrs. **G V SUSHEELA**, Aged about 50 years W/o. Late Mr. Venkateshwara G M, I hereby filed Complaint in concerned Police Station, **Vide Lost No.1951453/2025, Dated: 11.12.2025. ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL** of the Immovable Residential Property bearing Municipal No.**61**, P.I.D. No. **91-38-61**, EPID No.3125946998, Previoulsy Division No.84, Situated at Wahab Garden, Bangalore, Comes under the Limits of BBMP Old Ward No.91, New Ward No.61, Bangalore, Comprising of RCC Roofed House MEASURING: East to West : **26'-0"** (Twenty Six Feet); North to South : **11'-6"** (Eleven Feet Six Inches); In total measuring **302** Square feet,. **AND BOUNDED ON:** EAST BY: 5' Feet Lane; WEST BY: Private Property; NORTH BY: Private Property; SOUTH BY: Private Property.
If Any person found the Said Document Vide Document No.**3516**/1994-95, of Book-I, Volume No. **3675**, Pages: **80-86**, Dated : **21-01-1995**, Registered in Office of Sub-Registrar Bangalore, May contact my Client: **9008152773**.

SD/- (**G.J VADIVELAN**) Advocate, KAR/789/2011
No. 40, PILLANNA GARDEN, 3RD STAGE, 9TH MAIN, OPPOSITE TO BESCOM, BANGALORE-560 045. MOBILE: 9341457945
DATE : 07.01.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client 1. SRI. RAJASHEKHAR G. 2. SMT. GEETHA M, both are residing at No.55/2, 5th cross, 2nd Main Road, Venkatala Yelahanka Lake Road, Bangalore North Bengaluru - 560064.
My client are the absolute owner in possession of the Property bearing Khaneshumari No.419/41/1B/2, E-Khatha No. 152900102401520147, measuring East to West 10.972800000000001 Meter and North to South 10.2108 Meter, in all measuring 112.04 Sq.Mtrs., Situated at Appagere Village, Mangalavarapete Dhakle, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District, presently within the limits of Rampura Village Panchayath and bounded on:
East By : Road,
West By : Parashivaiah's property,
North By : Site No.1,
South By : Site No.3.
The said property is in possession of 1. SRI. RAJASHEKHAR G. 2.SMT.GEETHA M since from 06.10.2017 they are the absolute owners and free from all encumbrance whatsoever.
My client has lost the Original property documents i.e. Registered Sale deed bearing Doc.No.CAN-01-03355/2009-10, C.D.No.CAND64 dated 22.10.2009, register in Chennapattana sub-registrar.
My Client had lost the above mentioned Sale deed, Inspite of several efforts the Original deed is not found and they has lodged the police complaint through online dated 07.01.2025,Lost report No. 1996782/2026.
If any person found or anyone having any claim or interest over the said property, he/she is requested to forward their claims along with the relevant documents to us within 07 days of this public notice. If we do not receive any claim from any person within 07 days, it will be strictly presumed that this property is absolutely free from any claim or encumbrance and no one has any claim over this property and if any One found the above deed kindly contact below mentioned

PREMA B DUBAE - ADVOCATE
FFD VI, 4th Floor Sampoorna Chambers, Vasavi Temple Road, V.V. Puram Bengaluru-560004.
080-42053588/080-42296969

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (II FL-H FL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) mad with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower dears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs. charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Karthik Maji Mrs. Sangita Ghoral **(Prospect No 940484)**	All that piece and parcel of 1506, Floor No. 15, Wing A4,vbhc Palmhaven Block A, Sy Nos. 25P 281 28 294 296 297 299 2910 2911 2912 2913 2914 2915 321ADoddabele Village Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka-560001 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Saleable_Area, Carpet_Area Property Area: 540.00, 354.00 Bounded By: North: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report. South: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report. East: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report. West: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report.	**Rs.2932207/-** Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seven Only	08-10-2025	06-01-2026
Mr. Theetha Venkatesh Krishnam Raju, Mrs. Sarojamma **(Prospect No IL10305043)**	All that piece and parcel of Eastern portion of Municipal no 11/8, PID No 33-49-11/8, ward no 123, situated at Vidyaranyanagar, Magdi road, Bangalore City, Karnataka-560023 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet_Area Property Area: 308.00, 539.00, 458.20 Bounded By: North: Road South: Mori East: Others Site West: Site Of T V Rajkumar	**Rs.1970433/-** Rupees Nineteen Lakh Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Three Only	09-10-2025	06-01-2026
Mr. Murthy Papaiah, Miss. Murthy Pooja Miss. Murthy Pooja, Mr. Murthy Narendra Kumar, Mrs. Ramaiah Annapoorna Murthy Pooja **(Prospect No IL10317018)**	All that piece and parcel of Property no. 10 & 11, Katha no.14/1B, in Sy.No. 14/1B, situated at Malagalu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobili, Bangalore North tq, Karnataka.- 560072 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area,Carpet_Area Property Area: 2400.00, 672.00, 537.00 Bounded By: North: Property No.12 South: Private Property East: Property No.9 West: Road	**Rs. 2566390/-** Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Only	14-08-2025	06-01-2026
Mr. Ramakrishna, Mrs. Manjula Annapurneshwari Foods **(Prospect No IL10587301)**	All that piece and parcel of Westren Portion Of Property No. 41, Khatha No. 375, Assessment No.73, Shreegandhadakavalu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore District, Karnataka-560091 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Carpet_Area, Built_Up_Area Property Area: 720, 439.90, 517.50 Bounded By : North : 25 Feet Road South : Porperty Of Lokesh East: Remaining Portion West : No. 42	**Rs.2016657/-** Rupees Twenty Lakh Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven Only	10-10-2025	06-01-2026

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office :** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 **or Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.
PLACE : BANGALORE
Date : 08.01.2026
Sd/-, Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Limited

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING) Syndicate
H.O : BENGALURU

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH-I
8th FLOOR, CANARA TOWERS, 524, ANNA SALAI, TEYNAMPET, CHENNAI 600 018
Tel.No. 044 - 2849 6339, 2849 6900.
E-MAIL:cb2361@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the **Borrowers and Guarantors** that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic / Constructive / Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the **Authorized Officer of Various Branch of the Canara Bank, since transferred to Asset Recovery Management Branch-I, Chennai** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 21.01.2026 (Time: 10.30 am to 11.30 am)** (with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed) for recovery of bank's dues from the following Borrowers / Guarantors.

Asset Recovery Management Branch-I : Borrower Name & Address: Mr.Santhosh V, 1A Kasi Apartments, Pilliyar Koil Street, Gandhi Nagar, Chennai – 600093. **Also at:** No 763 SRY Layout, 1st Main Road, Begur Koppa Road, Bengalore, Karnataka –560068. **Mr Srinivas Reddy K V**, 1A/18 Kasi Apartments, Pillaiyar Koil Street Gandhi Nagar, Saligramam Chennai - 600093. **Also at:** No 40/1,3rd Cross Muneeshwara Layout Kadlu, Bengaluru Near Rangoli Factory Bangalore Karnataka - 560068

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 47,57,190.23 due as on 31.12.2025 with further interest and other incidental charges thereto incurred by the Bank.

DETAILS OF PROPERTY: STATUS OF POSSESSION: SYMBOLIC: Property 1: All that piece and parcel of land Flat No F1(carpet area - 740 sq ft),First Floor Kasi Flats D no 1A ,Canara Bank colony measuring 2994 sqft as per document (2859.718 sq.ft as per survey) bearing Door No 1, Canara Bank colony, Saligramam, Chennai comprised in Survey Nos 9/1 and 9/2, New survey Nos. 9/3 and 9/6 as perPatta No. 1590 situated at No.110, Saligramam village, formerly Egmore Nungambakkam taluk, Presently in Mambalam Taluk, Chennai District and being bounded on the North by : Dhandapalani's land, South by : Uma's land, East by : Govindasami's Land, West by : 10 Feet wide Passage & Land belongs to pushpa.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 28,50,000/- | EMD ₹ 2,85,000/- | BID INCREMENT ₹ 50,000/-

Inspection of Property Date & Time : 12.01.2026 between 11.00 A.M. & 4.00 P.M.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 21.01.2026 Between 10.30 AM & 11.30 AM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each.

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (baanknet)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or **before 20.01.2026 till 5.00 PM.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in **Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)** or may **Contact Canara Bank Asset Recovery Management Branch-I, Chennai (Ph. No. 044 - 2849 6339 / 2849 6900) E-mail: cb2361@canarabank.com** during office hours on any working day. (or) **The service provider baanknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No.7046612345/ 6354910172/ 8291220220/ 9892219848/ 8160205051, Email:support.baanknet@psballiance.com/ support.baanknet@procure247.com).**

The property is not in Physical Possession of the Bank and Auction purchaser has to comply with the following terms and conditions in addition to the standard terms and conditions of sale:
a. Property is in Symbolic Possession and Bidder is purchasing the property in Symbolic Possession at his/own risk and responsibility. **b.** Bank will not be responsible or duty bound for handing over of physical possession **c.** Successful Auction Purchaser will not be entitled to claim any interest, in any case of return of money. **d.** Successful Auction Purchaser has to submit the Declaration cum Undertaking confirming the above terms and conditions(a to d) mentioned in the above terms and conditions immediately after e-Auction. **e.** Subsequent to sale if successful bidder fails to submit Declaration cum Undertaking, the bid EMD amount will be forfeited.

Portal of E-Auction: **https://baanknet.com**

Date : 02.01.2026
Place : Chennai
AUTHORISED OFFICER, CANARA BANK

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House,Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.1614/2024

Between: Canara Bank, Yelachenahalli Branch Bangalore **...Applicant**

And

M/s. Akash Enterprises , Proprietor: Mr. S. Nagendra S/o. Shivalinge Gowda,Aged about 42 years, No. 15, Muneshwara Block, Yelachenahalli, Chunchaghatta Main Road,Bangalore - 560 062. **PAN : EPUPR7445D**
And Also at : No. 317, 1st Floor, 2nd Stage, 3rd Cross, 7th Main, Near 15 F Bus Stop, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore - 560 078. **....Defendant**

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Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **17.12.2025**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ3:ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:17:2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:06.01.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ– 01 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್, 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ– 02 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್, 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದ 2021–22ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಗರ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕ್ಷೇಮ ಕೇಂದ್ರ–ನಮ್ಮ ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ– 01 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್, Revenue collection by Advertising and Maintenance for 1 years and Extendable upto 5 years for Existing digital display boards at various places in Davanagere city corporation limits (2ನೇ ಕರೆ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು) (ಮೊದಲನೇ ಕರೆ smart city limited Davanagere ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ವಿದ್ಯುತ್/ ನೀರುಸರಬರಾಜು) ರವರು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ/ ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಶಾಖೆಗೆ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08192 234444 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸೂಚನೆ : 1) ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಮುಂದೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತವು ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. 2) ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಅದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 16.01.2026 ಸಮಯ: 17.00 ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 17.01.2026 ಸಮಯ 17.30 ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 19.01.2026 ಸಮಯ : 11.00 ನಂತರ

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/627/ ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26
ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Central Bank of India

RAJAJINAGAR BRANCH, BANGALORE **Date : 02/01/2026**

POSSESION NOTICE
(under rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Central Bank of India. **RAJAJINAGAR Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29.10.2025 calling upon the borrower **M/S. S P AUTOMATICS** Proprietor Mr. MUNISWAMY S & Legal Heirs of Mr. Muniswamy S (Deceased) Mrs. VIJALAKSHMI W/o Muniswamy S, Mr. PALANI BABU S/o Muniswamy S, Mrs. PRAMILA M D/o Muniswamy S, Mrs. SUJATHA M D/o Muniswamy S and Mr. PRAKASH BABU S/o Muniswamy S to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 30,59,036.09 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand and Thirty Six and Paise Nine Only)**, Loan accounts No. 4006786225, 5169616272 & 3329764054 (which represents the principal plus interest due as on the 28.10.2025.). plus interest and other charges from 29.10.2025 to till date within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 on this **2nd day of January 2026**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Central Bank of India. for the amount of **Rs.30,59,036.09 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand and Thirty Six and Paise Nine Only)** (which represents the principal plus interest due on the 28.10.2025). plus interest and other charges from 29.10.2025
The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
Owner of Mortgage Property: Mr. MUNISWAMY S S/o Gundegowda (Deceased)
Address of Mortgage Property: All the piece and parcel of property bearing no. 293 PID No.22-125293, Chamundinagar Slum, 5th Block Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010 admeasuring East to West 8.53 mtr. and North to South 4.87 mtr, Totally measuring 41.54 Sq.mtr Total area :41.54 Sq. Mtr. **PROPERTY BOUNDED AS UNDER: East:** Road **West :** House no.301 **North :** House no.292 **South :** House no.294
Date : 02.01.2026 **Sd/-Authorized Officer, Central Bank of India**

सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Central Bank of India

RAJARAJESHWARINAGAR BRANCH, BENGALURU
#480, Model Street, BEML Layout, III Stage, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore 560098 **Phone :** 080 28606262 **Email :** bmbang4888@centralbank.bank.in

POSSESION NOTICE under [RULE 8 (1)] SARFAESI Rule

Whereas, the Authorised officer of the Central Bank of India, **KATRIGUPPA Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) and 13 (12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issue a demand notice dated 23/09/2025 calling upon the borrower **Mr. Deepak Vijay** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1970792.29/-(Rupees Nineteen Lacs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred ninety two and Paise Twenty nine Only)** (which represents the principal plus interest due as on the 23/09/2025.), plus interest and other charges from 23/09/2025 to till date within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to pay the entire dues of the bank, notice is hereby given to the borrower, the Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 on this **5th day of January 2026**
The borrower and the Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of Central Bank of India, for the amount of **Rs.20,23,188.29/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty Eight and Twenty Nine Paisa)** (which represents the principal plus interest due on the 05.01.2026.), plus interest and other charges from 05.01.2026.
The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
A : All that part and parcel of property bearing old municipal Nos. 11,11/1,12,12/1,13,14 and 15, present municipal no 12 situated at 2nd cross, 6th main road , Gandhinagar, BBMP ward No.27 , Bangalore , measuring 26145 square feets and **bounded on East :** 6th main road **West:** Private property and Goduraya Mutt Property **North :** Private property **South :** 2nd cross road and (Sri-Y Ramachandra Road)
B : 92.47 square feets of undivided right ,title and interest in Schedule A property
C : All that part and parcel of office unit bearing No .4-29 situated in fourth floor of GRAND MAJESTIC built in Schedule A property measuring 308 sq ft of super builtup area with other facilities and **bounded on**
East : Office unit bearing No 4-28 in fourth floor of Grand Majestic **West :** Rest room in fourth floor of Grand Majestic **North :** Open towards set back area of Grand Majestic **South :** Corridor in fourth floor of Grand Majestic
Place : Bangalore **Sd/-Authorized Officer,**
Date : 05.01.2026 **Central Bank of India**

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 40-1-127, 128 and129 RIBG, 4th Floor, Murali Chambers, M.G. Road, Vijayawada - 520010

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Chinthakunta Amarnath (Borrower) Mr. Sree Teja (Co-Borrower) Account No. LBANA00005945866/ LBVJW00005948649	All that the Open Plot No.1, admeasuring 2226 Sq.ft or 247.33 Sq. Yds, in Survey Nos. 554/2, 544/2,596/1, L.DN No. 122/68, Near Ward No. 81, Situated at Venkateswara nagar Kalluru, Kurnool Municipal Corporation, Kalluru Sub division, Kurnool District, Measurement of the Plot: East - West : 53 Feet or 16.1544 Meters. North -South :42 Feet or 12.8016 Meters. Boundaries of the Plot, East: House No. 81-172-B, West: House No. 81-272-A2, North: Sri Ramachandra Nagar, Suresh Plot, South: 30 Feet wide Road	Rs. 83,47, 018.56/- (as on January 05,2026)	Rs. 60,00, 000/- / Rs. 6,00, 000/-	January 19, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	January 30, 2026 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
2.	Mr. Sapogu Karunakar (Borrower) Mrs. Kadirikota Monica Shirly Veronica (Co-Borrower) Account No. LBKNO00006034688	All that the Flat No. 504 in sixth floor ,Door No. 40/802-B-1-504, admeasuring 1130 Sq.ft including common area along with an undivided share of land admeasuring 46.497 Sq.yds, out of total land of 888.88 Sq. Yds, in the building complex " V.C.Manchala Residency ", in Sy . No. 77/2 , ward no. 40 , situated at Nehru Nagar, Kurnool Municipal Corporation, Kurnool District and bounded by East: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky West: Open to Sky, North: 6.6 Ft Wide Corridor	Rs. 42,04,239/- (as on December 30, 2025)	Rs. 20,50, 000/- / Rs. 2,05, 000/-	January 20, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	January 30, 2026 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the https://assets.matexauctions.com of our auction agency Matex Technologies Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by January 29, 2026 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.
The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd. 40-1-127,128 and129 RIBG, 4th Floor, Murali Chambers, M.G. Road, Vijayawada- 520010 on or before January 29, 2026 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before January 29, 2026 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd. 40-1-127, 128 and129 RIBG, 4th Floor, Murali Chambers, M.G. Road , Vijayawada- 520010 on or before January 29, 2026 before 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/ PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Vijayawada.
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8008999536/9326713629.
Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. Matex Technologies Private Limited and 2. Cardekho have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : January 08, 2026
Place: Bangalore
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Can Fin Homes Ltd

UTTARAHALLI BRANCH
No.39,Ground Floor, Subramanyapura Main Road, Chikkalasandra, Near Kadirenahalli Petrol Bunk, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore – 500 061
Tel: 080- 26394003, 7625079142
e-mail: uttarahalli@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **30/10/2025** calling upon the borrowers **SRI.CHANDRA PRATAP SINGH** S/o THAKUR PRASAD SINGH (Borrower), And **SMT.RANJAN SINGH** W/o SRI.CHANDRA PRATAP SINGH (Co-Borrower), Residing at House No.S-94, Manjunatha Nilaya, Dinnepalya, C.K.Palya Road, Bangalore-560083. and **SRI.PAPUSINGH** (Guarantor), Residing at No.175/4,Electronic City Main Road, Bettadasanapura, Bangalore-560068, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.29,47,599/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Fourty Seven Thousand Five Hundreden Ninty Nine Only) With further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest EnforcementRules, 2002 on this the **6th day of January 2026.**
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available,to redeem the secured assets.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for an amount of **Rs.29,47,599/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Fourty SevenThousand Five HundredenNinty Nine Only) And interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Northern Portion of Site No.27,V.P.Katha No.227/5,Property No.227/5,Situated at S.Bingipura Village, Hulimangala Village Panchayat, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.
Measuring East to West 41 feet and North to South 10 feet Totally measuring 820 sq feet. And Bounded On: East by:Yellappa Property, West by : Road, North by : Remaning Portion of Site No.28, South by : Remaning Portion of Site No.27

Date: 07.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- **Authorised Officer**
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

ATTIBELE BRANCH
No.61, Attibele, Sarjapura Indlubele Attibele Anekal Tq, Bengaluru-562107

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property/ies)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 04.11.2025** calling upon the Borrower **M/s Kleid Fashion,** Address: Ground Floor, 39/5, JC Industrial Area Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 560062 & its Partners: **1. Mr. T Nagaraj S/o Thirumoorthi,** Address: No. 18E, Jeeva Street, Sirupoluvapatti, Tiruppur, Tamilnadu 641603. **2. Mr. V Praveen S/o Vel,** Address: 130, Karadiyanur, Thengalpalayam, Rasipuram, Namakkal, Tamil Nadu 636301 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.6,62,32,284.00 (Rupees Six Crore Sixty Two Lakhs Thirty two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Four only)** plus further interest, cost, charges and expenses within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **06th day of January of the year 2026**
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.6,62,32,284.00 (Rupees Six Crore Sixty Two Lakhs Thirty two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Four only)** plus further interest, cost, charges and expenses thereon.
The Borrowers attention is invited to provision of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
Residential property - Schedule "A" Property: Equitable Mortgage by deposit of title deeds created on 356/2025 and registered on 21.01.2025 and Rectification Deed 812/2025 dated 07.02.2025 on:All that piece and parcel of the residential property Land and Building bearing Survey No Old S.F.No.210 (new revenue record Town S.F.No. 71), Extent 460 sq.mtrs, Door No. 2, 2A, 2B, 2B/1 (as per property tax), Namakkal R.D, Rasipuram Sub-R.D, Rasipuram Taluk, Rasipuram Town, Old Ward No.4, Then Ward No.7 (now As Per Municipality Tax-Receipt Ward No.5, Co-Operative House Building Society Road No.1., in the name of V Praveen S/o Vel aged 24 years. **Boundaries:** North of - East-West road, South of - Property of R.Perumal and others, East of - Property of Advocate Subramaniyam, West of - Property of M.S.K.A.Krishnasamy Chettiyar. Measuring East West Northern Side 15.8 mt., East -West Southern Side 17.8 mt, North South Eastern Side 27.4 mt, North South Western Side 27.4 mt measuring 460 sq mt. With one RCC Terraced House and First Floor, Second Floor and Third Floor, Bearing Door No.2, Assessment No.053/005/900041 and Door No.2A, Assessment No.053/005/900042 and Door No.2B, Assessment No.053/005/900043 & Door No.2B/1, Assessment No.053/005/900044, With S.C.Nos.04-501-003-3082, 04-510-003-3217 & 04-501-003-3300 and Water Connection Nos,053/005/900313, 053/005/900314 & 053/005/900320. As Per Town Survey Ward C, Block No.2, Town S F.No.71 Extent 0.0460.0 (460 sq-mtrs) Assessment Rs.10.00 Full.

Date: 06.01.2026
Place: Rasipuram
Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

Nikhat, Pawan & Sumit register dominant wins

Double world champ **Nikhat Zareen**, World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 gold medallist Pawan Bartwal and Sumit dominated their respective opponents, while most other top players posted comfortable wins to reach the quarterfinals of their respective weight categories in the Elite Men and Women National Boxing meet in Greater Noida on Wednesday.

Despite ICC fiat, security concerns for Bangladesh

No ultimatum but would want to play in neutral venue, says BCB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

HOURS after Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) said there was no ultimatum from the International Cricket Council to play in India or forfeit matches, they have once again reiterated their stand of not playing in India because of security concerns. BCB through a statement earlier on Tuesday said that the global cricketing body has conveyed its willingness to work closely and address the concerns.

However, on Wednesday evening, the BCB and the Bangladesh government officials once again said they would prefer to play in a neutral venue. BCB president Aminul Islam Bulbul and government's sports advisor Asif Nazrul addressed the media after a meeting in Dhaka.

According to reports in the neighbouring country, Bangladesh are firm with their stand with Nazrul saying, "So far, we have very clearly taken this decision that we will make the ICC understand that we do not have an environment suitable for playing in India. This will be conveyed tonight or by tomorrow morning. With those sufficiently strong arguments, we will make the ICC understand that the core principle of our stand is that of the questions of Bangladesh's security, Bangladesh's honour, and Bangladesh's dignity; we will not compromise. But we definitely want to play in

the World Cup."

Bulbul, on the other hand, cited Pakistan's matches and the hybrid arrangement while arguing for a neutral venue. "When the Champions Trophy was held, India did not go to Pakistan, and Pakistan also did not come to India to play in the last World Cup. So we are also hopeful that we will get a proper response (from the ICC)," he reportedly said.

Earlier, BCB said there was no ultimatum from the ICC to play or forfeit matches. The BCB, in a statement, went on to say that "In its communication, the ICC has reiterated its commitment to ensuring the full and uninterrupted participation of the Bangladesh team in the tournament. The ICC has conveyed its willingness to work closely with the BCB to address the concerns raised and has assured that the Board's inputs will be welcomed and duly considered as part of the detailed security planning for the event."

This comes after a late virtual meeting on Tuesday evening between the global body and the BCB, where the subcontinental nation has raised "security concerns" after declining to travel to India for the global event. The ICC and the BCB discussed various possibilities. Apparently, the ICC had told the BCB that changing the schedule would not be possible and that they have to play in India. There is a possibility another team may replace Bangladesh.

The BCB said there was no ultimatum as such, but they had told this daily that whatever decision they had to take would be in consultation with the Bangladesh government.

There were speculations that Bangladesh, like Pakistan, could be given an option of playing in Sri Lanka but because of lack of time to change venues and matches, this might not be possible. For ICC, there is no security threat, and they would toe that line.

Over the last few days, things have escalated quickly following the removal of Mustafizur Rahman from the Indian Premier League. Kolkata Knight Riders had signed the pacer for ₹9.2 crore, and soon their owner and Bollywood actor Shahrukh Khan came under criticism from some corners of the political parties and on social media. Following that, BCCI told the franchise to release the seamer.

While the BCCI and the ICC have remained silent on the issue, the global body and the BCB are expected to engage continually through the week before a final decision is made in the coming days.

Shreyanka ready to roar for RCB again

GOMESH S @ Durban

THE last time Shreyanka Patil took the field for Royal Challengers Bengaluru, she won them their first WPL title, taking 4/12 in the final against Delhi Capitals. That, however, was on March 17, 2024. Almost two years have elapsed since and Patil, in this time, has gone through a roller-coaster in her life. The youngster's career was on the rise in the months that followed as she played the T20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates. But things spiralled shortly after. Patil spent 14 months in a whirlwind, suffering one injury after another, spending almost a year in rehab and missing an entire season of WPL and the ODI World Cup at home.

Through all this, one of the things that kept her going was to get back on the field for RCB and win them the WPL trophy again. She made a comeback for Barbados Royals in the Women's Caribbean Premier League in September 2025 and helped them win the title, starred for her state team in the domestic setup, and now Patil is back where she belongs — with RCB — as she gears up to take on Mumbai Indians in the opening game on Friday. Through her time away from the field, Patil had left cricket behind, with doubts creeping in about whether she would play again. Cricket, however, did not leave her. Not in a literal sense. Even when she was not playing, Patil spent time visualising and manifesting to keep herself going. And that helped her shed the nerves when she got back on the field eventually. "Though I wasn't playing for so long, it was easy for me to get back on the field and say, 'okay, I've done this my whole life'. So even though I didn't play for a few months, I was still playing in my mind. I was just thinking, 'okay, how am I going to get Hayley Matthews out? How am I going to get Nat Sciver-Brunt out? So all of that was still happening in my mind. I was just visualising, manifesting, whatever it was. So I was still playing in my mind," Patil explained in a media interaction on Wednesday.

Time spent at CoE

What also helped her is meeting other elite cricketers at the CoE and sharing their life experiences. From Suryakumar Yadav, Renuka Thakur, Mohammed Shami, Pooja Vastrakar to Jasprit Bumrah, she spent her time making friendships which put things in perspective.

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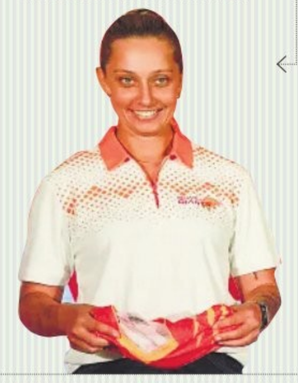
WPL: Decoding the team-spirit

With the Women's Premier League set to begin on Friday, here's a look at the teams...

DELHI CAPITALS

STRENGTHS: The three-time finalists have a new Indian captain in Jemimah Rodrigues. They have also managed to secure a strong Indian core while retaining their biggest overseas stars. With **Laura Wolvaardt**, Marizaane Kapp, Shafali Verma, at the top and Alana King, NR Sree Charani and Sneh Rana at the bottom, they have a balanced squad to go all the way.

DRAWBACKS: Indian power in the middle-order. With Annabel Sutherland having to pull out due to personal reasons, the lower middle-order will be Chinelle Henry, Niki Prasad and Minnu Mani. The two young Indians have shown promise but are yet to win matches on their own. DC also rely on overseas stars for their pace attack though they have a strong Indian spin group.



GUJARAT GIANTS

STRENGTHS: The overseas stars pick themselves. Sophie Devine, **Ashleigh Gardner**, and Beth Mooney will start with a swap-off between Georgia Wareham and Kim Garth. Among Indians, Kashvee Gautam and Renuka Singh are ones to watch for. This season also provides a chance for Kanika Ahuja to prove her mettle as a match-winning finisher.

DRAWBACKS: Not many proven Indians in the mix. Yastika Bhatia is coming off a layoff, Titas Sadhu is not in great form, and Rajeshwari Gayakwad hasn't been among the top spinners in a while. There are quite a few domestic players in the mix, but none of them are consistent match-winners at this level. Could this be their chance to steal the limelight and make a case for themselves?

UP WARRIORZ

STRENGTHS: Strong overseas core with **Meg Lanning** leading the way. They went in with a clean slate into the auction and have come out with a well-rounded squad. They also have Shikha Pandey, the best Indian pacer in WPL, Kranti Gaud and Asha S to complement Deepti Sharma and Sophie Ecclestone in the bowling line-up.

DRAWBACKS: Balancing overseas stars will be key. With Lanning, Phoebe Litchfield, Deandra Dottin and Ecclestone starting, the Indian batting will come down to Kiran Navgire, Shweta Sehrawat, and Harleen Deol. It will be interesting to see who keeps the wickets and how the Indian batting shines under pressure.

Standing tall & proud: Poonam's basketball diaries

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

POONAM Chaturvedi stands out from the rest, literally. Standing seven foot — 213 centimetre (approx), she, as per records, is the tallest Indian female athlete. In her brief cameo for the Railways at the senior national basketball championship here — where they defeated Chaturvedi's former team Chhatisgarh 84-40 on Wednesday — she dominated the post, scoring 12 points. Her match-up was a complete mismatch, and Chaturvedi, as she is known to do, had to simply collect those long passes

Poonam Chaturvedi

from her teammates and bank it into the net.

While she dominated the post and took her opponents to the washers, she is humble and down to earth, as she obliged to taking photographs from the guards off the court. Whenever she steps onto the court, all attention is on her, for her height makes basketball look easy. However, her journey to success in the sport was not easy. Growing up in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, she was subject to bullying and harassment because of her height in school.

Already at a height of 6'2 aged 15, she did not have any interest in sport until a family friend suggested she take up basketball. From there on, the game has been her space to express herself and vent her frustrations out. "One of my dad's friends asked me whether I can play this game, and that's how I got into basketball," she said on the sidelines on Wednesday. After getting scouted by former India coach Rajesh Patel, who is based in Chhattisgarh, she moved there in 2011, before joining Railways in 2019.

She also represented India in the 2012 FIBA U18 Women's Asia Cup Division B in Malaysia.

Select results: Women: Group A: Railways 84 bt Chhattisgarh 40 Group B: Kerala 82 bt TN 65. **Men:** Group A: Rajasthan 88 bt Services 80; Group B: UP 89 bt Chandigarh 56; Indian Railways 95 bt Punjab 58.

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Action from the match between HIL GC & Shrachi Bengal Tigers | ASHWIN PRASATH

Russell hat-trick as HIL GC tame Shrachi Bengal Tigers

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

Hockey India League's (HIL) Governing Council (GC) team won a high-scoring thriller against defending champions Shrachi Bengal Tigers 6-3, while last year's runners-up Hyderabad Toofans rallied to beat Ranchi Royals 3-2 in the Hockey India League at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium on Sunday.

Kane Russell continued his red-hot form, notching another hat-trick, while the likes of Sam Wardd, Sudeep Chirmako and James Albery chipped in with goals. For the Tigers, Captain Jugraj Singh and the German duo of Tom Grambusch and Christopher Ruhr were the goalscorers. "It was a tough match, but teamwork made the difference. Even after conceding the first goal and seeing our body language dip briefly, we ensured it didn't affect our overall game," said HIL captain Hardik Singh post the match.

Kicking off the first match of the evening, HIL GC got two quick goals after the Tigers took the lead via Jugraj. A deflection goal from Sam Ward, followed by Kiwi Russell's penalty corner drag-flick put the GC team in front. 'We knew that once we got one goal back, we would be right in the contest, and that's exactly what happened. Kane has been outstanding — his penalty-corner execution has been excellent," added Hardik. Sudeep Chirmako went on to add HIL's fourth in the 38th minute.

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Bethell savours 'very special' maiden century

AGENCIES @ Sydney

ENGLAND'S Jacob Bethell called it "very special" after cracking a flawless maiden century during the fifth Ashes Test against Australia on Wednesday in front of his family. The 22-year-old powered to his hundred in style off 162 balls in Sydney, raising his bat towards his emotional family in the stands. He was unbeaten on 142 at stumps, steering England to 302-8 in their second innings and a 119-run lead on day four. Remarkably, it was not just a maiden Test ton but the only one he has scored in red-ball cricket, with his previous best 96 against New Zealand.

"It's pretty special, it's not really sunk in yet. I haven't really had time to kind of reflect on it," Bethell said. "But to do that and have the family there was very special. "My dad was a cricketer so he knows how it feels to be out there batting, but I don't think that stops him from getting any less nervous."

Over the past 50 years only Alastair Cook, David Gower and Ollie Pope were younger when they scored their first Test century for England. Bethell made his Test bow against New Zealand in Christchurch in late 2024. His progress was then hampered by injury and Pope hitting form back at three. **Brief scores:** England 384 & 302/8 (Bethell 142 n.o, Duckett 42, Brook 42; Webster 3/51) vs Australia 567.

EXPRESS READ

Ivory Coast set up Egypt showdown in AFCON

MARRAKESH (MOROCCO): Manchester United winger Amad Diallo starred as Ivory Coast beat Burkina Faso 3-0 on Monday and became the first Africa Cup of Nations defending champions to reach the quarterfinals since 2010. Diallo struck the opening goal and created the second for Yan Diomande before half-time. Substitute Bazoumana Toure completed the scoring. Ivory Coast will meet Egypt next.

Malaysia Open: Sindhu, SatChi enter Round 2

KUALA LUMPUR: PV Sindhu began the new season on a winning note along with the men's doubles pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy as they entered the second round of the Malaysia Open here. Sindhu defeated Chinese Taipei's Sung Shuo Yun 21-14, 22-20 in the women's singles. Satwik and Chirag saw off Chinese Taipei's Yang Po-Hsuan and Lee Jhe-Hue 21-13, 21-15.

Asian Games winner Jinson Johnson retires

NEW DELHI: National record-holder and Asian Games gold-winning Indian middle distance runner Jinson Johnson announced his retirement on Wednesday, saying that "it is time for something new" after a 15-year career shaped by "relentless training, quiet struggles, and painful injuries". The 34-year-old Kerala athlete has not competed since October 2023.

Relief to get some points on board: Pooran

GOMESH S @ Durban

WHEN the showers returned after the powerplay with Joburg Super Kings cruising at 69/2 at Newlands on Tuesday evening, it seemed like MI Cape Town's campaign would be all but over. Having lost four of their first five games, apart from a washout, the defending champions were in trouble, especially in front of a packed home crowd that had braved the rain to stay on and cheer for them.

It had been that kind of a season for MI Cape Town. They lost a close match to Paarl Royals away before surrendering at home and desperately needed to get off the mark. Another loss on Tuesday would have meant

MI Cape Town players celebrate their win on Tuesday | SPORTZPICS

their hopes of making the playoff would have become slimmer. The rain did not help either as they waited on, hoping, praying they get a chance to hit the ground running.

When the chance came along, the contest was reduced to 12 overs per side, and JSK were not going to give in without a fight. They posted 123/7 in 12 overs with skipper Faf du Plessis leading the way (44 off 21 balls). For MICT, they needed the stars to come to the party. And that did not happen for the most part on Tuesday. Ryan Rickleton, Reeza Hendricks, and George Linde all fell cheaply but Nicholas Pooran (33 off 15) and Rassie van der Dussen (35) kept them in the game. Later, Jason Smith hit 22 runs from just seven balls to secure the tie for MICT. "It's a relief to get some points on the board to be honest, but even for myself I'm really happy that I could contribute," Pooran said.

Brief scores (DLS): JSK 123/7 in 12 ovs (Du Plessis 34; Bosch 3/24) **lost to** MICT 128/6 in 11.2 ovs (Pooran 33, Smith 22).

GREAT SPEAKS

Have to highlight stories in right way to lift doubles format: Woodbridge

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

WHEN top singles pros formed pairs to play in exhibition mixed doubles tie in the US Open last year, fans flocked to the stands and made it a full-house. While that drew eyes, question mark over the competitive doubles format remained. Multiple Major winner from Australia Todd Woodbridge spoke on the importance of the format, before the year's Australian Open. Excerpts..

■ On Alcaraz splitting with coach before Aus Open

I would assume it will be business as usual for Carlos. He hasn't always played every tournament without Juan Carlos Ferrero there. So he knows what it's like to be able to still play and win. But it's got to be something difficult for him because he's not in the corner to go back to anymore to be able to say to the coach 'what do you think?.' I think it's going to make the start of the season more challenging. He has one thing left to do in our sport and that's to win the Australian Open and that's to achieve the career Grand Slam. And if he's

Todd Woodbridge | TENNIS AUSTRALIA

able to do that in Australia, he becomes one of the great players of all time.

■ On Alcaraz-Sinner rivalry

What those two have been able to do is increase the level of tennis to something I didn't think was possible for their age. And so early in their rivalry, they are playing a level that we only saw on numerous occasions between Roger Federer Rafael Nadal and then Novak Djokovic. They have set the bar for this generation of their peers, their own age bracket and the ones below of what tennis is going to be looking like over the next 10-15 years.

■ On Sabalenka and Swiatek

The women's tour of the last two years has been fascinating. But Aryna has had that ability to reach semis and finals. She's thrown a few ties away. I think she just got nervous. But every time she's had one of those moments, she got better from it, which is the most impressive part about her. That tells you a lot about how tough she is. When you look at Iga, I think she's going through a resilience-building part of her career.

■ On whether doubles format enjoys the same popularity from 90s

Not necessarily, but what we do see is when you get the right people winning and the celebrations in the countries that they're from, you get of the great stories of the year, and it got highlighted. Wimbledon released their annual tournament video narrated by Billie Jean King. And there's the moments of the doubles of Australia's Rinky Hijikata, playing with his partner, David Pel. There are always these great stories, and they've got to be put out there. I know at Australian Open, we are highlighting those as leading events, whereas the men's and women's doubles finals follows the singles where everyone would go home. You've got to use it in the right way.

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Siddu walks into annals of history

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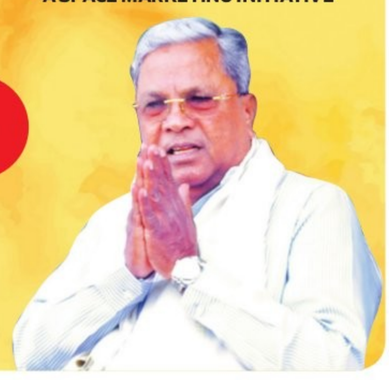

A vignette of leadership and legacy: Siddaramaiah's political journey and his moment beyond Devaraj Urs

AS Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah becomes the longest-serving head of the state government, surpassing the formidable record set by late D. Devaraj Urs, this is not merely a ceremonial milestone. It compels reflection on a political journey forged through persistence, conviction, welfare statecraft, social engineering and an unwavering commitment to the politics of equity. His rise is not an accident of electoral arithmetic; it is the cumulative force of lived realities, ideological rootedness, administrative clarity and the ability to remain politically relevant across shifting alliances and turbulent political eras. What follows is a vignette of that long, layered and impactful journey — from his rural beginnings to becoming one of Karnataka's most defining political forces.

From village boy to political strategist: Rising from privation to public authority

Siddaramaiah's life story begins far away from the privilege and insulation of power. Born into a humble rural household and educated in a government school, his early years were marked by the hardships and practical struggles of village life. Those formative experiences did not simply shape his personal grit; they cultivated a distinctly grounded political consciousness — one that prioritised dignity, access, inclusion and state responsibility.

His legislative journey began in 1983 when he contested and won from Chamundeshwari on a Bharatiya Lok Dal ticket. Soon after, he joined the Janata fold and headed the Kannada Kavalu Committee, signalling his early engagement with regional identity, cultural assertion and linguistic pride. Victory followed in 1985, when he was re-elected and inducted into the Cabinet, handling the Animal Husbandry portfolio before moving to Sericulture and Transport. These years familiarised him with governance not as abstraction, but as a living administrative challenge impacting livelihoods and human realities.

Defeats, realignments, and reinvention: Political resilience in a turbulent era

The year 1989 brought electoral defeat amid a strong Congress wave. But for Siddaramaiah, defeat became a reset, not a retreat. As Karnataka's Janata bloc began fracturing, recomposing and reinventing itself, Siddaramaiah too navigated complex realignments, joining Janata Dal and later becoming secretary in Deve Gowda's Samajwadi Party in 1992.

Victory returned decisively in 1994, along with the critical responsibility of Finance Minister — a role that would become central to his political identity. However, politics gave no smooth continuities. The 1999 elections brought another setback even as he headed JD(S). Yet this phase was crucial. It taught him the endurance required to survive political turbulence and nurtured his ability to adapt — qualities that would define his leadership in the coalition era ahead.

Coalition power to consolidated authority: The path to Chief Ministership

The 2004 elections produced a hung Assembly, paving the way for a Congress–JD(S) coalition, where Siddaramaiah emerged as Deputy Chief Minister and once again as Finance Minister. These responsibilities deepened his administrative stature and positioned him as one of Karnataka's most credible governance minds.

Returning to the Assembly in 2008, he became Leader of the Opposition — and in 2010, he led one of Karnataka's most significant political mobilisations: a 320-km padayatre from Bengaluru to Ballari against illegal mining. This march was more than symbolic dissent; it was a declaration that his politics would confront power and defend public interest.

2013 marked a watershed moment. Siddaramaiah became Chief Minister and completed what few leaders manage — a full five-year term. In 2018, though he lost Chamundeshwari, he won from Badami, retaining relevance. By 2023, with Congress sweeping back and Siddaramaiah victorious from Varuna, his second term formally propelled him past Urs' towering record of 2,792 days — placing him in the annals of Karnataka's political history.

Inheriting a moral and political legacy: Devaraj Urs and the welfare continuum

Any conversation about social justice politics in Karnataka inevitably invokes Devaraj Urs. Urs was not merely a Chief Minister; he was an architect of transformative policies for backward classes and marginalised communities. Siddaramaiah consciously positions himself in that ideological lineage. For him, Urs is not just history — he is a living ideological compass.

Just like Urs embedded welfare into Karnataka's governance DNA, Siddaramaiah built on that foundation, adapting it to contemporary economic realities and political expectations.

Welfare with Wallet: Turning commitments into fiscal reality

Siddaramaiah's politics of welfare is not rhetorical; it is budget-backed, structurally designed and financially grounded. His first term from 2013 to 2018 remains emblematic of this blend of empathy and economic strategy.

The agriculture ecosystem alone received ₹19,561 crore, reinforcing farming as an economic pillar, not merely a sentimental constituency.

Horticulture was allocated ₹3,926 crore, animal husbandry ₹9,695 crore, sericulture ₹1,367 crore, and fisheries ₹1,392 crore. These were not election-driven gestures; they reflected a systemic attempt to strengthen rural livelihoods, economic diversification and social stability.

Education as equaliser: From access to assurance

Education emerged as another cornerstone of his governance. His administration ensured free uniforms and textbooks, enhanced school infrastructure, bicycles for students, bisi oota (hot mid-day meals) for nearly 60 lakh children every day, milk under Ksheera Bhagya five days a week. Over a crore students benefited, as 61 lakh students received free textbooks, 47 lakh students received free uniforms and five lakh of them received bicycles.

Meanwhile, Aadhaar-linked enrolment curbed duplication and strengthened transparency. Recruitment complemented entitlement: 7,911 teachers were appointed in 2016, followed by 10,000 primary teachers and 1,626 high school teachers in 2017–18. Education, for him, was not charity; it was structural social mobility.

Health with dignity: Welfare beyond tokenism

Healthcare saw a similar transformation. His government established six new medical colleges, added 2,900 beds to super-specialty hospitals and enabled 1.1 crore beneficiaries to access improved healthcare.

Healthcare became a right, not a privilege — embedded within a broader framework of social justice.

Guarantee politics: A welfare state as governance identity

Few initiatives capture his governance philosophy like Indira Canteens — based on a simple principle: no hungry citizen can imagine empowerment. Affordable meals restored dignity and addressed urban poverty in a humane manner.

"Anna Bhagya", "Ksheera Bhagya", free student bus passes, and loan waivers for marginalised communities reinforced this welfare commitment. Returning to office in 2023, he intensified the guarantees framework with schemes like "Griha Lakshmi" and "Shakti Yojana" — earning the title "Guarantee CM." Supporters hail this as social transformation; critics warn of fiscal stress. But regardless of political lens, Siddaramaiah has ensured that welfare is not optional rhetoric — it is core governance language.

AHINDA: Social Coalition as Political Power

A defining political construct of Siddaramaiah has been "AHINDA" — minorities, backward classes and Dalits. It is not merely a vote base; it is a moral claim and ideological anchor. AHINDA has been his political shield, electoral strength and philosophical compass, helping him counter external opposition and navigate internal party contestations.

Regional justice and corrective governance: Article 371(J)

Siddaramaiah's vision also extended to regional equity. His push for Article 371(J) implementation enabled the creation of a dedicated Development Board for Kalyana Karnataka, ensuring targeted funding, opportunities, and systemic uplift. Development, in his vision, was not just economic expansion; it was correction of historical imbalance.

Culture, identity and political memory: Anubhava Mantapa

Beyond economics and welfare, Siddaramaiah engaged with cultural symbolism. His government backed the building of a global Anubhava Mantapa complex in Bidar, celebrating Basavanna's reformist democratic legacy. With ₹600 crore sanctioned, this was an assertion that culture, reform and identity are inseparable from governance.

Longevity and debate: What the record really means

Crossing Urs' tenure does not merely prove endurance; it reflects political relevance in a state known for volatile alliances, shifting mandates and leadership churn. Longevity here represents survival with purpose — through political storms, coalition collapses, ideological battles and electoral reinventions. Yet, Siddaramaiah insists his record is incidental. History may record numbers, he says, but leadership must measure upliftment.

In the shadow of Urs, In the spirit of equity

He pays explicit tribute to Urs, acknowledging him as an ideological anchor. Power, he believes, must be egalitarian; opportunities must be shared; growth must be inclusive. Without equitable distribution, society cannot claim strength or fairness.

Between legacy and leadership: What Siddaramaiah represents today

Siddaramaiah's journey is neither myth-making nor accidental success. It is a story carved through electoral perseverance, administrative strength, welfare conviction, social coalition-building and a profound understanding of Karnataka's sociopolitical pulse. From a village boy confronting life's harsh realities to Karnataka's longest-serving Chief Minister, his trajectory embodies both the anxieties and aspirations of the state.

Whether history ultimately places him beside Devaraj Urs as a transformational figure or evaluates him through contemporary political contestations, Siddaramaiah's imprint remains undeniable. His tenure marks a defining chapter in Karnataka's democratic evolution — one shaped by welfare consciousness, structural equity, regional justice, cultural assertion and a leadership style that continues to influence policy direction and public imagination. It is here — between legacy, lived politics and leadership — that the true meaning of his record-breaking tenure resides.

SIDDARAMAIAH! THE KING OF BUDGET PRESENTATION!

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is poised to script yet another milestone in his long public life as he prepares to present what will be his record 17th state budget. For a leader whose political journey has been defined by fiscal activism and social justice–oriented governance, this budget is being viewed not merely as an administrative ritual but as a defining political statement.

The timing adds significance. As Karnataka navigates competing pressures of welfare commitments, infrastructure growth, and resource constraints, Siddaramaiah's budget is expected to reiterate his trademark approach — protecting the social security net while attempting to balance development priorities. Political observers note that the CM has historically used budget platforms as instruments of governance philosophy rather than mere financial documents, turning them into markers of ideological continuity.

Officials suggest that the preparations for the upcoming budget have been underway for months, with departments tasked to align proposals with both fiscal responsibility and welfare sustainability. Given that his government has leaned heavily on large-scale welfare guarantees, there is anticipation over how Siddaramaiah will reinforce these commitments while addressing revenue realities. The exercise will also test the state's administrative capacity to maintain momentum in education, healthcare, agriculture and infrastructure growth without diluting financial stability.

Within government circles, there is considerable emphasis on the symbolic weight of this milestone. Karnataka has witnessed turbulent political phases and leadership churn in the past, making continuity in governance a rarity. Siddaramaiah's ability to reach this stage is being read as a reflection of administrative steadiness and political confidence.

Beyond political theatre, however, the expectations are grounded in everyday governance. Stakeholders across sectors will watch closely not just for headline announcements but for clarity on execution frameworks, funding prioritisation, and long-term planning signals. For Siddaramaiah himself, the record budget is an opportunity to reinforce his legacy as a leader who consistently positioned fiscal policy as a tool for social transformation and inclusive development — a continuation of a narrative he has cultivated through decades in Karnataka politics.

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The Elvis Presley commemorative stamp, the first in the 'Legends of American Music' series, went on sale on this day in 1993, at Graceland

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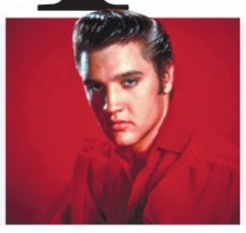
Featuring a photo of the young Elvis from 1950s, it became the most widely publicised and best-selling US commemorative stamp ever in the history of US Postal Service



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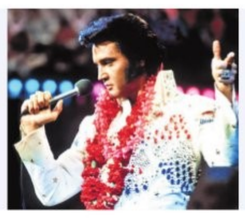
The American popular singer widely known as the 'King of Rock and Roll' was one of rock music's dominant performers from the mid-1950s



INTERNATIONAL LEGACY

Several countries outside the US also issued Elvis postage stamps over the years as a tribute to his status as an international music star

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'This dignity began to disappear, and disappeared'

A conversation with Sudeep Chakravarti on *Fallen City: A Double Murder, Political Insanity and Delhi's Descent from Grace*, which won the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman in the Non-fiction category

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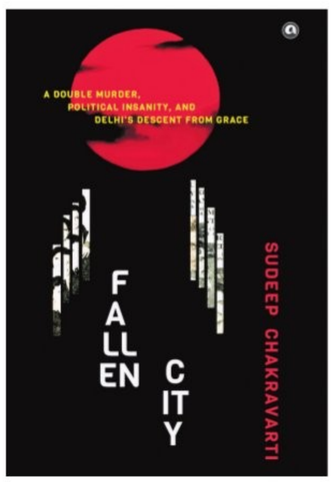
SONU M KOTHARI

IT was a regular Friday evening after school. Two teenage siblings stepped out of their home – the only closed space that promised safety and freedom – in a city where crime lurked at most corners. With each tiny step they took, 17-year-old Geeta Chopra, a melomaniac, was growing closer to the musical journey that defined her world. Accompanying her was a tall boy, 15-year-old Sanjay Chopra. But their journey ended that day as the Chopra siblings were abducted and murdered.

This crime, committed on Saturday, August 26, 1978, shook not only Delhi, where it happened, but the entire country. From police navigating a web of investigation to the Parliament forming laws, which would set a precedent for safety and protection laws of the nation, Sudeep Chakravarti's narrative non-fiction, *Fallen City: A Double Murder, Political Insanity and Delhi's Descent from Grace* (Aleph Book Company) traces the events of the evening to the execution of the convicts, while the capital was facing consequences of personal political gains. The book won the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman in the Non-fiction category on January 2. The award included a cash prize of ₹1 lakh, a citation, and a trophy. **Excerpts:**



Why did the rape and murder of two children catch your interest for a book?

Geeta and Sanjay Chopra's murder was horrific. Two people – Billa and Ranga – who were executed for it have become bywords in villainy in India. In fact, Billa and Ranga are used as descriptions of evil people to this day.

The people of Delhi couldn't believe that it could happen to the children of a naval captain. In our country, people meet with tragedies frequently. But only when it happens to somebody in urban India, does it become something we relate to.

The killings, trauma, investigation, judicial process and execution, which spanned four years, led to a situation where the capital was transfixed. Delhi and the Parliament came to a standstill for weeks. Thousands of students from gathered at the Boat Club, to protest against the death and to demand safety for the children of Delhi, while they were actually speaking for the children of India. It brought out the barbarity. Children had been killed. It was a gripping story. That's what drew me.

How did you go about researching and reconstructing the events?

During my research, I retraced the steps Geeta and Sanjay took before they were abducted and then murdered. I tracked the route, and I walked and walked several hundred kilometres in Delhi, because for me, it's important to get that sense of memory of the time and place. The brutal murder and the aftermath had a tremendous resonance across India. In fact, I read newspapers from Chennai of the time, as there were rumours that Billa and Ranga had run to Madras, as it was called then. It affected much more than the city and its citizens, and the capital.

What was the idea behind connecting the social and political history of the time to the murder?

I could have easily approached the book as a true crime. But I did not want to sensationalise anything. It was a story of a certain time in Delhi and India's life. India was slightly unstable then and was looking for stability. Then this horror happened very quickly after the emergency, Sanjay Gandhi's death, Operation Blue Star, and the Anti-Sikh riots. It was a dark arc of Delhi, a dark arc of India. I wanted to locate this story within that time, because it affected society, politics, law, criminal jurisprudence, legal matters, presidential crisis, and more. To me, Sanjay and Geeta Chopra's death, and Bill and Ranga were more than an episode. I wanted to set the killings in the context of a larger socio-political context.

How did you decide that this part of history needs to be documented in a book?

For me, telling a slice of life does not need a particular day. Important moments in the country's time and trajectory are stories that can be told any time. If you make an interesting enough time, then a story, to me, can be told any time if it is told with honesty. As chroniclers, researchers, writers, or historians, we tend to go past, but we don't look at these formative years of our journey as a country.

According to you, when did 'Delhi's descent from grace', as the title mentions, start?

A capital is by definition a very self important place. It carries with it a certain arrogance and character. Delhi's been the capital of India since the British days, after being the imperial capital of so many dynasties. It's also witnessed a lot of violence – partition riots, the Geeta and Sanjay murder, the 1984 riots – even in the present day, there are explosions of violence, suppression, and oppression in the capital. It has its grace, but it can also be a very ugly place from a psychological perspective. And to me, this dignity that Delhi has as a capital began to disappear, and disappeared. I would imagine that it happened long before Geeta and Sanjay's deaths. But for me, growing up then, it definitely felt to me that the deaths began that descent. And then it was accelerated with the events that I described in the book over the next few years.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERYWEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengaluru cityexpress @gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1) True;
2) Vivek Nagar;
3) Cubbon Road

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Simon PM;
2) K Sachidananda Aithal;
3) Macharaja Srinivasa Rao

CITY READ

Cultural performance revisits the legacy of Panna Dhai

A folk dance production titled *Dharti Dhora Ri* will be staged in the city on January 11 at 5pm at Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha. Presented by Kesariya Restaurant, the performance draws from the life and legacy of Veer Matha Panna Dhai, a revered historical figure from Rajasthan known for her sacrifice and devotion. Through traditional folk dance, music and narrative movement, the production traces a defining moment in history centred on duty, courage and maternal sacrifice. The evening aims to introduce younger audiences to this chapter of Indian history through a cultural lens rooted in regional art forms. For entry, call 98863 95565.

Members of the popular Korean group BTS from 2021

Buzz

Behind The Scenes

With popular boy group BTS announcing their comeback after four years, Bengaluru fans are full of excitement, theories and expectations for a tour stop in India

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

JUST as everyone was beginning to settle into the New Year, coming out of the holiday season haze, BTS dropped an announcement that had long been teased and speculated on but still landed with a bang – it's official, the biggest boy group in the world will be back with new album on March 20. "I was honestly very overwhelmed and really emotional, because it feels very surreal. The moment the news dropped, our group went crazy – there were so many excited messages," says Devitt Ngaihte, a Korean translator in his 20s as Srishti Sudhi, a software developer adds with a laugh, "I couldn't see the official notification because the Weverse app crashed when they announced it. But later, my friends had a video call and half of us were crying, thinking 'is this for real?'"

Since the initial announcement, the band has wiped its Instagram clean to prepare for the fresh start, and teased a logo for the album. While the official statement revealed that the album holds 'special significance' to the group and expresses the 'emotions and struggles they have experienced on their journey', speculations of what the album will sound like, it's concept, and more are plenty among BTS armys (the fanbase's name). Bhargavi R, the admin of BTS Bangalore ARMY, a city-based fan community, is excited to see the evolution in the band's songwriting after four years that saw them complete compulsory military service and release solo albums. "Their music has been with me through every stage of life. Now, as an adult myself, knowing that they are older, dealing with adulthood and how tough life can be, I'm curious to see the themes they're going to address. It's also very exciting that this will be a 14-track album because Yet to Come was a compilation of older songs and BE was a small album," she says.

Fans are also excited to see the boys' camaraderie and friendship on stage and during promotions, something they now wait for livestreams to witness. "BTS is not only famous because they are good looking and make amazing music, it's also because you can relate to them. They are clumsy, sometimes weird and normal people – I want to see their interactions when all seven come together, because we love them all," adds Sudhi.

Devitt Ngaihte

Concert Dreams to Come True?

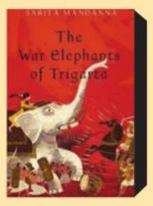
In the lead up to the band announcing tour stops on January 14, social media is abuzz with Indian fans hopeful that the country will be on the map this time around. This has been fuelled by Kim Taehyung (V) saying "Namaste Indian Army, see you next year," on a livestream in December, the band's company HYBE opening a branch in Mumbai, and an exhibition based on member Jungkook's album Golden being hosted in the same city. "They will definitely come to India, probably Mumbai. It would be a dream come true if they come to Bengaluru, I'm really hoping they do, but I don't know if the city has the stadia to host a BTS-style concert," says Bhargavi, mentioning that the band has sold out Wembley Stadium (with a 90,000 capacity), multiple times.

Regardless of whether the boys drop by ooru or not, fans are prepared to fly anywhere in India or the world to see them return to the stage. Akansha Ram, a social media executive, paints a picture of the community among fans which she hopes to experience, something she's only felt through concert videos and fan events held in the city. "I really want to be part of an 'army wave' where fans make a wave with their army bombs (light sticks) from the top flower to the lowest floor, with the colours changing as they (BTS) instruct. I really want to scream my heart out doing fan chants, which we always do at fan events, but it doesn't feel complete without them here to listen to us," she says, adding, "I may be expecting too much but I hope they have fan meets or a pop up if they visit – at least at HYBE Mumbai."

Fans are charging their army bombs, replaying their playlists and buzzing with anticipation as they collectively wait for the ball to drop next Wednesday, either answering their prayers or dashing their hopes.

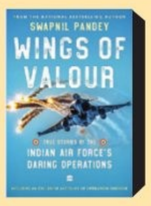
Akansha Ram

BOOK NOOK



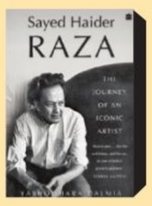
The War Elephants of Trigarta
By Sarita Mandanna

The book is a gripping tale of bravery, loyalty and the extraordinary bond between a girl and her mischievous elephant.



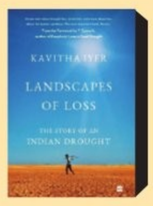
Wings Of Valour: True Stories of the Indian Air Force's Daring Operations
By Swapnil Pandey

From the story of the first airman to receive the nation's highest peacetime gallantry award for ground combat to heroic rescue operations and death-defying wartime feats, it brings you exclusive insights and thrilling accounts of bravery from the Indian Air Force.



Sayed Haider Raza: The Journey of an Iconic Artist
By Yashodhara Dalmia

The book traces the journey of one of the greatest painters of modern India, Sayed Haider.



Landscapes of Loss: The Story of an Indian Drought
By Kavitha Iyer

Landscapes of Loss tells the story of Marathwada through the accounts of its people: marginal farmers, Dalits, landless labourers, farm widows, and children.

SAY GREEEEEEEEN!

A visitor poses for a photograph at a nature-themed exhibition by the Vanalok Foundation at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Seshadripuram | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

VEGAN HOT CHOCOLATE

INGREDIENTS

- **Almond mylk:** 1 cup
- **Maple syrup:** 1-2 tbsp
- **Dark chocolate (vegan):** 2 tbsp, chopped
- **Cocoa powder:** 2 tbsp
- **Almond slivers:** 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Heat almond mylk in a saucepan on medium flame.
- Add cocoa powder and whisk until smooth.
- Mix in maple syrup and chopped dark chocolate.
- Stir continuously until the chocolate melts and the drink thickens slightly.
- Pour into a mug and top with almond slivers.

Contributed by **Divya Pasumarthy,** Bengaluru

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

What are the dos and don'ts of creating an effective New Year fitness resolution?

Fitness resolution isn't about motivation, it's about structuring. A good fitness resolution is structured, realistic, and consistent.

- Focus on habits. Show up for workouts and plan your meals ahead. Focusing on quality and quantity of sleep will help in over all wellness and weightloss. Don't rely on motivation as it fades.
- Track body weight, measurements, strength levels, and steps.

ASK AN XPERT

- Include strength training. Cardio burns calories. Strength training reshapes your body and keeps weight loss sustainable.
- No starvation diets, detox, or 'all or nothing' mindset.
- Set realistic and achievable goals. Build momentum, then scale.
- Thinking about losing weight is vague. Aiming to lose 5 kg in three months by following a calorie deficit and training four days a week is actionable.
- Don't copy someone else's plan. Your body, lifestyle, schedule, and history matter. One size does not fit all.
- Don't expect instant results. Real change is slow, steady, and boring at times – that's normal. Have patience don't give up. Continue to work out and eat clean.

FITBIT

HOW MINDFUL EATING CAN QUIETLY CUT SUGAR CRAVINGS

Sugar cravings often strike when you least expect them: late at night, during stressful workdays, or in the familiar mid-afternoon slump. Many people blame a lack of willpower, but science suggests cravings are rarely about self-control. More often, they are the result of habit, stress, hormonal shifts, or emotional triggers. One simple practice, however, has shown promise in helping people regain control: mindful eating.

WHY SUGAR CRAVINGS FEEL SO POWERFUL

- Sugar activates the brain's reward system by triggering dopamine release, creating a brief sense of pleasure and relief. Over time, this reinforcement can make the body seek sugar automatically during moments of fatigue, anxiety, or boredom. Poor sleep, dehydration, irregular meals, and fluctuating blood sugar levels further intensify these urges, making sugary foods feel like a quick fix.

HOW MINDFUL EATING HELPS

Mindful eating is the practice of paying full attention to the eating experience, taste, texture, aroma and physical sensations while also observing emotional cues. This awareness helps distinguish true hunger from emotional or habitual eating. When cravings are acknowledged rather than acted upon impulsively, people are more likely to pause, reflect, and make conscious food choices. Eating slowly allows the brain to register fullness, reducing the tendency to overconsume sweet foods.

SIMPLE WAYS TO PRACTISE MINDFUL EATING

- Eat without distractions such as screens or phones.
- Slow down chewing and put cutlery down between bites.
- Check hunger levels before eating rather than eating out of routine.
- Pause briefly when a sugar craving appears and assess whether it's hunger, stress or fatigue.
- Staying hydrated prevents thirst from masquerading as hunger.
- Adequate sleep helps regulate appetite hormones, while balanced meals that include protein, fibre and healthy fats keep blood sugar stable.

A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH

Unlike restrictive diets, mindful eating does not eliminate sugar entirely or rely on rigid rules. Instead, it builds awareness and flexibility skills that support long-term health. By slowing down and tuning in, many people find that sugar cravings lose their intensity, making healthier choices feel natural rather than forced.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

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WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Neon World

Splash, swirl, and dance your way into crafting a neon masterpiece, all glowing colour chaos under black lights. With no rules and no brushes, participants will have pure creative freedom from start to finish.

WHEN: January 9, 4pm onwards
WHERE: Splashit, Koramangala
CALL: 86453 28145

On Board!

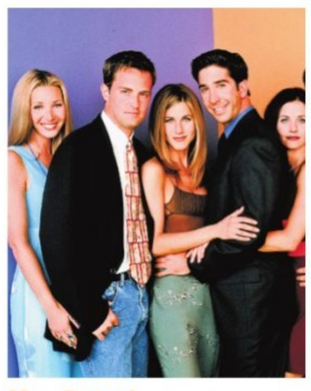
Indulge yourself in a whole new world of board games beyond Monopoly and Scrabble. No prior experience needed. Take your curious mind for a journey that involves fun and meeting new people.

WHEN: January 8, 7pm
WHERE: Underline Center, Domlur
DETAILS: district.in

Jokes Only

Looking for an excuse to welcome the weekend early? Step into an atmosphere where you can witness the city's handpicked comedians crack jokes and throw punchlines. Alongside humour, enjoy some cupcakes, coffee, and chaos alike.

WHEN: January 8, 8.30pm
WHERE: Glen's Bakehouse, Kalyan Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Moo Point!

Step into this *Friends* fan showdown, where every laugh edges you closer to Central Perk glory. Blending food and fast-paced rounds from iconic moments to scenario-based showdowns, this could feel similar to your favourite

WHEN: January 9, 8pm
WHERE: Bramble Kitchen & Bar, JP Nagar
DETAILS: district.in

Miniature Garden

Take part in this terrarium workshop, which promises to be a fun and therapeutic way to learn about basic botany while crafting a unique piece of home decor to take home. Participants will learn to create their own miniature, self-contained garden in a glass container.

WHEN: January 9, 4.30pm
WHERE: Hobby Ghar, Chamarajpet
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Bollywood Vibes

Get ready to groove to some Bollywood beats with your loved ones! Alongside high-energy vibes, enjoy freshly crafted beers, desi tunes and dance your heart out.

WHEN: January 8, 7pm
WHERE: Big Pitcher Sarjapur, Sarjapur Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

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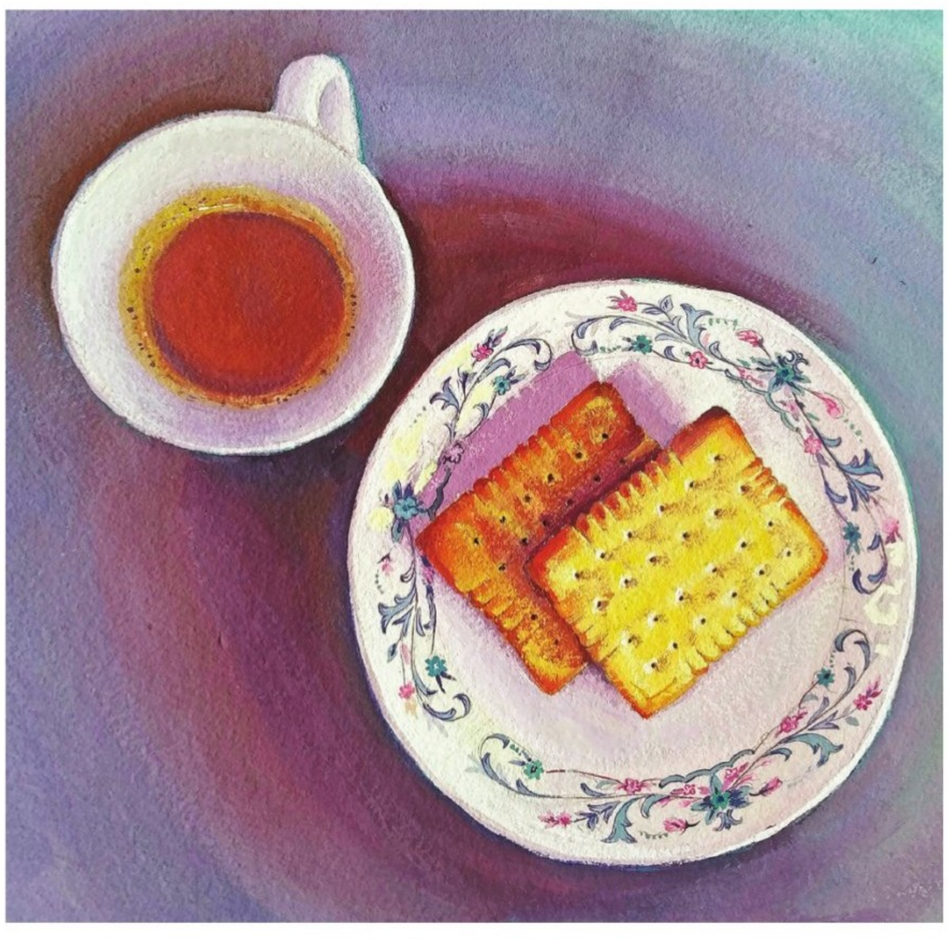
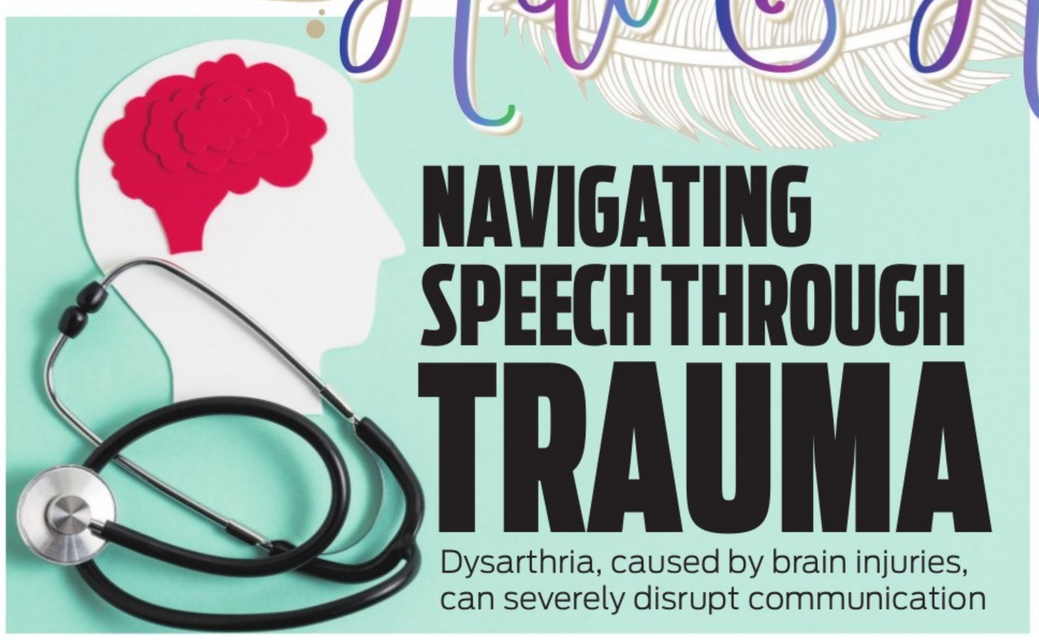


TEA BREAK

Artist Lisa George evokes memories of heirloom cutlery and tea breaks beloved in Indian households



NAVIGATING SPEECH THROUGH TRAUMA

Dysarthria, caused by brain injuries, can severely disrupt communication

PRAJNA KODGI UDUPA

TRAUMATIC Brain Injury (TBI) refers to any injury to the brain caused by an external force strong enough to damage brain tissue. This may occur with or without a fracture of the skull, or due to an object piercing the skull. It can lead to temporary or permanent impairment, or even fatal outcomes. Common causes include falls, accidents, sports injuries and other forms of head trauma. As a consequence of such injuries, individuals may develop difficulties in speech due to damage or weakness in the muscles involved in speaking. This motor speech disorder is known as 'dysarthria'.

Individuals with dysarthria often experience weakness, stiffness, or paralysis in specific parts of the body, particularly the tongue, lips, jaw, or vocal folds. Dysarthria may also result from strokes, infections, brain tumors, progressive neurological conditions, or other forms of trauma. The nature and severity of the disorder varies depending on the location and extent of the affected brain area. Dysarthria may also coexist with other challenges such as aphasia (language loss), reduced awareness of surroundings, memory impairments, cognitive deficits, and difficulty swallowing (dysphagia). In such situations, individuals who were once independent may become dependent on family members or caregivers for daily activities.

Symptoms experienced with dysarthria include poorly coordinated speech movements, reduced speech loudness, inappropriate pitch or tone, and slow or unclear speech. Speech may sound monotonous, effortful, or incomprehensible, prompting listeners to request repetition. This frequent breakdown in communication can be exhausting for both the speaker and the listener.

Challenges faced with dysarthria

Communication difficulties may lead to misunderstandings at home and in social settings. Over time, this may result in frustration, anxiety, reduced self-esteem, behavioural changes, and social withdrawal. A once active individual may disengage from family responsibilities and community participation. Family members, in turn, may experience emotional stress, financial burden and feelings of helplessness.

Is this condition treatable?

The good news is that dysarthria is treatable. Medical management under the guidance of a neurologist is essential. Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs) play a vital role in addressing speech difficulties by identifying an individual's communicative strengths through detailed assessment. Therapy focuses on improving speech clarity, strengthening speech-related muscles, and teaching effective communication strategies. Depending on the severity of the condition, Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems may also be introduced to support communication. Additionally, physiotherapy and occupational therapy can help address physical weakness and enhance daily functioning.

Recovery varies from person to person. Early identification significantly improves outcomes. Factors such as age, severity of injury, associated medical conditions, motivation, consistency of therapy and family support influence recovery. Many individuals with dysarthria successfully regain functional communication and return to their professional and personal roles.

If you or someone you know is facing speech difficulties, then don't hesitate to reach out to a speech language pathologist to seek support at the earliest and remind those individuals with dysarthria that they are not alone on this journey. Let's raise awareness about dysarthria and help promote understanding and inclusion. Together, we can make a difference and improve their lives!

(The writer is an associate professor, Department of Speech Language Studies, Dr SR Chandrasekhar Institute of Speech & Hearing, Lingarajapuram)

Contaminated laptop and phone screens may be behind your acne and dermatitis

Dermatitis in the digital age

DR SAKTHI SARANYA P S

GADGETS are a part of everyday routine but tablets, phones, and laptops not only tend to affect the posture and sleep, but also your skin. Skin problems can arise due to repeated exposure to blue light, heat and friction. Studies show that phones are contaminated with microorganisms, and repeatedly pressed against the face, can trigger or even worsen contact dermatitis and acne.

Common signs

- Acne along the jaw line, chin, and cheek. These are called localised or mechanical acne, which comes from the phone repeatedly being in contact with the skin.
- Recurrent itching, irritation, or erythema in repeated contact points such as behind the ear and cheek.
- Worsening of rosacea or seborrheic dermatitis after a long period of usage with heat and sweat.
- Intensifying pigmentation, dulling or early ageing signs, are prevalent.

Preventive measures

- Maintaining basic device hygiene: cleaning phone screens and using washable phone covers helps reduce microbial transfer.
- Using handsets is advised since it will reduce the time the phone is pressed against skin, which can increase acne or inflammation.
- Reduce unnecessary screen time. Using blue light screen filters helps counteract oxidative stress.
- Avoid buying and using heat-trapping phone cases. Also, keep devices away from the face during calls.

Laptops on thighs, smart watches on wrists, and earphones worn for hours can disrupt the skin barrier, leading to irritation and redness, causing frictional dermatitis. Laptops used directly on skin can cause low-grade thermal dermatitis.

Wearing headphones, smartwatches, or earbuds can introduce new forms of allergic dermatitis.

Metals, such as nickel and cobalt, can cause contact dermatitis. Exposure to blue light causes alterations in skin physiology. This may not be classic dermatitis, but if it prolongs, it will weaken the skin barrier, increasing the likelihood of dermatitis flare-ups.

Through gadgets, the frequency of dermatitis has increased, become more localised, closely linked to lifestyle habits and sedentary living. Steps such as maintaining better hygiene, limiting prolonged skin contact and taking regular breaks, can make a meaningful difference. Minimal and conscious gadget use helps reduce flare ups and inflammation while supporting the skin's natural barrier and its ability to repair and protect itself.

(The writer is a consultant, Dermatology and Venereology Diseases, SIMS Hospital)

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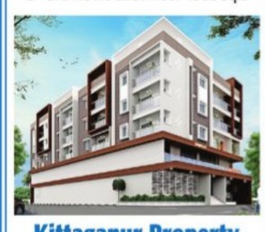

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CHANGE OF NAME

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Kavitha C.,** Aged 38 years, W/o. B. Mahesh, R/at No.901, Tower 10, 9th Floor Salarpuria Sattva Divinity, Mysore Road, Nayadahalli, Bangalore - 560 039. I state that in my Old Passport my name is wrongly mentioned as **Kavitha Mahesh** . I declare that my correct name is **KAVITHA C** . I request the concerned authorities to kindly update and rectify my name as **Kavitha C.** Vide affidavit dated 07.01.2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary S. R. Thulasikrishna , Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, the undersigned **SANDHYA PATIL,** R/at flat No.A2, Hermitage Apartments, 22 haudin road, Bangalore-560042, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANDHYA ASHOK PATIL** to **SANDHYA PATIL** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SANDHYA PATIL** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 05th Jan. 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. DAYANANDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAMESH** (Old Name) S/o GANAPATI BHAT, Aged about 60 years, Resident at NO.564, SUMUKHA, 6TH MAIN, 1ST STAGE, 3RD BLOCK, NEAR BDA COMPLEX, H.B.R. LAYOUT, KALYANANAGAR, BENGALURU-560043, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **RAMESH** (Old Name) to **RAMESH BHAT** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAMESH BHAT** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 06/01/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) V R VENKATESAN, residing at No. 207, Pioneer Classic Apartment, 26, K R Garden Main Road, Murugeshpalya, Bangalore North, Vimanapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560017, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) V R VENKATESAN** to **(NEW NAME) VINCHIMUR RAMANUJAM VENKATESAN** vide affidavit Dated 05/01/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHWETHA, dated of birth: 23-08-1989, W/o Ravikumar Marishamappa, R/at No. 324/15D, No. 201, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Lalbahudar Nagar, Kasturinagar, Bengaluru-560043, Karnataka, INDIA, I have changed my name from **SWETHA M to SHWETHA.** Vide affidavit dated 23.12.2025. Sworn before Advocate & Notary H S Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHAGYA K G,** aged 40 years, W/o. Gurubasayya, Residing at No.42/120, Muneshwara Layout, Near BTR Garden, Kudlu, Singasandra, Bengaluru-560068, have changed my name to **BHAGYA,** Vide Affidavit Dated: 07.01.2026 before notary **GANGARAJU. B.N.,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **OMAR MOHAMED ABDALLA** Residing at No. 4, 2nd B Cross, Ramaiah Layout, Opp. St Pius Church, Kammanahalli, Bangalore North, St. Thomas Town, Bengaluru- 560084 have changed my name to **OMAR MOHAMED ABDALLA MOHAMED EL SAYED** and my mother's name is **HANNAH MAHMOOD** but to be corrected to **HANNA MAHAMOOD** vide affidavit dated 22-12-2025 before Notary M.Rajendra, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SYED KALEEM,** S/o Late Syed Ghouse, R/at No. 285, Kanakapura Road, West 1st Cross, Umarbagh Layout, Banashankari, Bangalore-560 078 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KHALEEMULLA** to **SYED KALEEM,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SYED KALEEM** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. PUTTARAJU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DEEPIKA JAIN,** W/o Deepak Kumar, R/at House No. 18, Siddanath Nilaya, 1st Floor, 21st Cross, Near Mysore Bank, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 002 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DEEPIKA JAIN .T** to **DEEPIKA JAIN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **DEEPIKA JAIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SOWMYA, residing at No. 207, Pioneer Classic Apartment, 26, K R Garden Main Road, Murugeshpalya, Bangalore North, Vimanapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560017, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SOWMYA** to **(NEW NAME) SOWMYA DESIKAN** vide affidavit Dated 05/01/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUHAMMED RIZVI SIDDIQUI,** S/o Muhammed Siddique Sahbe, age 58 years, R/at No. 49/A, 1st Floor, 7th A Cross, Kanakanagar, Bangalore-560 032 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MUHAMMED ABDUL SUBHAN SIDDIQUI** to **MUHAMMED TALHA SIDDIQUI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MUHAMMED TALHA SIDDIQUI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 7-1-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. VIJAYAKUMAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BRAMHANANDA .N.S** S/o N.V. Shradhananda, R/at No. 207, KNS Apartments, B.H. Road, Behind Bank of Baroda, Muthaiah Layout, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District-562 123 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BRAMHANANDA .N.S** to **N.S. BRAHMA ARYA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **N.S. BRAHMA ARYA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 05-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. LAKSHMINARAYANA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **REVATI MANOHAR,** W/o. late Mr. G. Ram Manohar, aged about 60 years, residing at #35/9, Langford Road Cross, Shantinagar, Bangalore-560025, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **REVATI RAM MANOHAR** to **REVATI MANOHAR,** vide affidavit dated 14.08.2024, sworn to before Meera H, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GEETHA PRABHUDEV** daughter of Mr. Prabhudev and wife of Mr. A.S. Vishwanath, aged about 35 years, residing at No.64/1, 1st B Main Road, Venktegowda Layout, Hebbal Kempapura, Bengaluru 560 024, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have dropped / removed my surname **"VISHWANATH"** and changed my name as **"GEETHA PRABHUDEV",** vide Affidavit dated 6.1.2026 sworn to before **Mr. Jalandhara,** Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, No.26, 4th Cross, Bhoopasandra, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560 094. Hereafter my name called as **GEETHA PRABHUDEV.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUDDEGOWDA,** S/o Sri Venkataramanappa, age 57 years, R/at No. 50, Muddanna Legacy, Muddayanapalya, Sir M V Layout, 7th Block, Bengaluru-560 091 do hereby declare that both the names ie.. **MUDDEGOWDA** and **MUDDEEGOWDA** are one and the same and refers to me only, but my correct and actual name is **MUDDEGOWDA,** vide affidavit dated 6th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LAVANAYA KAPOOR,** W/o Prateek Panda, age 27 years, presently R/at Flat No. 106, Murari Abhaya Apartment, Site No.2, 1st Main Road, 11th Cross Road, Abbaiah Reddy Layout, Vignan Nagar, Doddanakundi, Bangalore-560 037 and permanent R/o Flat No. 601, Block-A, Krishna Towers, Opp. Iscon Temple, VTC, Nayapalli, PO: Nayapalli, Sub: Bhubaneshwar, District: Khorda, Odisha-751 012 do hereby declare that I wish to change my surname from **KAPOOR** to **PANDA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **LAVANAYA PANDA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25th Nov. 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A.R. MUNEER AHMED** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VANISRI,** W/o Pradeep Sethuram, age 55 years, R/at No. 53/A, 3rd A Cross, ECC Road, Prithvi Layout, Whitefield, Bangalore-560 066 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VANISRI PRADEEP** to **VANISRI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VANISRI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 07-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARUNA .V** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJUNATHA N,** age 36 years, R/at No. 08, Seeganaikanahalli, Kugur Post, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bagnalore-562 125 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANJUNATHA S N** to **MANJUNATHA N,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANJUNATHA N** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 07th Jan 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **YANKOBA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **M B NAGARTHANA,** W/o Sri P N Sreenivasachary, aged about 68 years, residing at #73c/16, 5th Main, Post Office Road, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560094, I state that in some documents my name is entered as **Nagarathnamma Brahmiahchary** and my date of Birth is entered as 12.05.1956, but my correct name is **M B NAGARTHANA** and my correct date of birth is 26.10.1957, vide affidavit dated 06.01.2026 sworn before notary R. Sulakshana, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIVAKUMAR .G,** S/o Late Gopalappa @ Jayamarappa, age 46 years, R/at No. 23, Hari Nilaya, 7th Cross, Uppkar Meadows, near Poojamma Temple, Kayalasanahalli, Jigini Hobli, Bangalore-560 105 do hereby declare that both the names of my father i.e. **GOPALAPPA** and **JAYARAMAPPA** are one and the same and refers to my father only, vide affidavit dated 6th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T. MALLIKARJUNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NEETA SANJAY HOOLI,** W/o Sanjaykumar Hooli, age 49 years, R/at Flat No. 15, Block-2, Jeevan Gruha Apts. LIC Staff Qtrs, 24th Main, J P nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560 078 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NEETA KULKARNI** to **NEETA SANJAY HOOLI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NEETA SANJAY HOOLI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 7th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA .J.J** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GAYITHRI R, wife of Raju Hari Patil, aged about 32 years, Hindu, residing at Flat No. 301, A Block, Suraksha Silver Oak Apartments, St. Ann's School Road, Akshaya Nagar, Bengaluru - 560068, have changed my name from **GAYITHRI RAGHUPATHI** to **GAYITHRI RAJU,** vide affidavit dated 7/1/2026 sworn to before K Siddappa Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHANDRAKALA BHAGINENI,** W/o Krishna Murthy, age 43 years, R/at No. 19, 2nd Cross, behind IKV School, Sharada Nagar, Vasantapura Main Road, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560 061 do hereby declare that both the names of my daughter i.e. **MEDHA** and **MEDHASHREE .Y** are one and the same and refers to my daughter only, but her correct name is **MEDHASHREE .Y,** vide affidavit dated 7th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Smt. VATSALA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NACHIKETH PARAMESWAR BHAT, D.O.B: 13.11.2005, S/o. Parameshwar Bhat, Residing at Zotra Eden Park Apartments, BHEL Layout, 2nd Stage, 18th Cross Road, Pattanagere, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560098, Karnataka,** have changed my name to **NACHIKETH BHAT** vide affidavit dated: 07.01.2026 before notary GANGARAJU .B.N, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PADMA GANGABORAIAH,** Residing at No. 2173/A, 9th Main, E Block, Opp. SBI ATM, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PADMA DANDIGEPURA GANGABORAIAH** to **PADMA GANGABORAIAH** vide affidavit dated 06.01.2026 sworn to before K.S. Giridhar, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SMITHAN .A.M,** S/o Mithran, age 52 years, R/at No. 302, C Block, 3rd Floor, Sriram Aditya Apartment, Ittamadu, Banashankari III Stage, Bengaluru-560 085 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **DAIWIK .A.S** to **LEESMITH AMMADI SMITHAN,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **LEESMITH AMMADI SMITHAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 05-01-2026, sworn before IX Addl Judge, Court of Small Causes and ACJM, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HEMANTH KUMAR S,** S/o Sathyanarayana, age 35 years, R/at No. 43, 4th G Cross, Vrushabhavathinagara, Sannakki Bayalu, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560 079 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **ANKITH KUMAR .H** to **MANISH .H,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **MANISH .H** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 06-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAILU JESSIKALA,** W/o Shyam Kumar, age 42 years, R/at # 33, 7th Cross, 1st Main, Maruthi Nagar, Yelahanka Old Wotn, Bengaluru-560 064 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SAILUJESSIEKALA DEEKALA** to **SAILU JESSIKALA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SAILU JESSIKALA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 07-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, I.P No.197581-Z, Ex-MCEAP II, **S HENRY ADMIRAL,** resident of Flat 206, Saveria Livinston, Vinayaka Layout Road, Bhattarahalli, Bengaluru 560049, have changed the name of my spouse from **SYLVIA ELIZABETH** to **SYLVIA ELIZABETH HENRY,** vide Affidavit Dated: 06/01/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Service No. 16115613P Rank: HAV, Name: PAIGAMBAR GULABSAB NANNE, Unit: HQ MEG & Centre, resident of House: 41, Nadi Ingalgaon, Athani, Belagavi, Karnataka - 591304 have changed my daughter's name from **SAFHA to SAFHA PAIGAMBAR NANNE** vide affidavit dated 07/01/2026 sworn before advocate and notary N. Thulasi, Bangalore

WILL RAKSHIT SHETTY STEP INTO A REAL-LIFE HERO'S STORY?

Rumours spark curiosity as sources suggest the actor has been approached to portray a former soldier-turned-entrepreneur

A SHARADHAA

EVEN as audiences wait for news on Rakshit Shetty's next steps and when he will start shooting the much-anticipated *Richard Anthony*, fresh discussions have surfaced about a project that could place the actor in a new and intriguing role. Sources say Rakshit has been approached for a biopic inspired by the life of Shivakumariah, a former soldier who went on to build a successful business career as the founder of the Sparsh Masala brand. There is no official confirmation yet, but the chatter has already caught the attention of industry insiders.

The speculation is backed by the rich life story that the film promises to tell. Shivakumariah reportedly served during the Kargil conflict before transitioning to civilian life and facing the challenges of entrepreneurship, ultimately building a business worth several crores. If this project develops, the film could showcase a journey marked by discipline, loss, ambition, and personal growth, along with the quieter struggles that come with life in the military.

Sources suggest the narrative may unfold in two emotional segments. The first highlights the intensity and vulnerability of military service, marked by duty and high-stakes choices. The second centres on rebuilding, learning to take different kinds of risks, and forming an identity beyond the battlefield. Rather than a simple success story, the film is likely to delve into the personal costs and resilience behind this transformation.

For Rakshit, who often chooses deep, character-focused projects, this film fits well with his artistic sensibilities, if the talks translate into something concrete.

The actor also has a busy slate, with *Richard Anthony*, *Punyakoti*, and *Midway to Moksha* expected to begin production. Sources indicate that he is eager to return to filming soon, balancing his acting roles with production responsibilities.

For now, the project remains under speculation. Still, the concept of a story that intertwines conflict, bravery, and personal growth remains a compelling one, continuing to evoke interest.

Rakshit Shetty

Kushee Ravi's role adds a spiritual dimension to *Daiji*

The makers, who are almost through the shoot, are set to announce the release date post the VFX work

CE FEATURES

DAIJI, directed by Akash Srivatsa, is almost finished with its shoot, with just one day left. Produced by Ravi Kashyap under Vibha Kashyap Productions, the project draws inspiration from a real-life incident involving the producer. Ramesh Aravind and Radhika Narayan lead the cast.

Meanwhile, the team has revealed an interesting aspect of the film. Joining *Daiji* is Kushee Ravi, and Akash explains that the role has a spiritual dimension to it. "Even the costume and daily preparation were carefully planned," says the director, adding that while the role is subtle within the narrative, it will have an impact. Details about her character remain under wraps.

The cast also features Diganth, who plays Ramesh Aravind's brother, along with several foreign actors, adding diversity to the ensemble. The film also stars Avinash, KS Sridhar, Alexandra Taylor, Nidhi Hegade, and BM Giriraj. The script is written by Abhijith and Akash, with cinematography by Sreesha Kuduvalli and background score by Judah Sandhy. Nakul Abhyankar and Sachin Basrur provide additional technical support.

As the shoot is nearing its end, the team is working on extensive VFX, after which the makers plan to announce the release date.

Akash Srivatsa
Kushee Ravi

Tomb Raider adds Sigourney Weaver, Jason

CE FEATURES

THE upcoming *Tomb Raider* series from Prime Video has added new members to its cast list. Headlined by Sophie Turner, the series will also star Sigourney Weaver, Jason Isaacs, Celia Imrie, and Bill Paterson. Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Chad Hodge serve as the showrunners while Jonathan Van Tulleken, known for Dope Thief and Shogun, will direct the series.

As previously announced, Sophie Turner takes on Lara Croft's role, while Martin Bobb-Semple will be playing Zip, Croft's long-standing tech support and friend. Sigourney Weaver portrays Evelyn Wallis, a mysterious, high-flying woman who is keen to exploit Lara's talents. Isaacs is cast as Atlas DeMornay, Laura's uncle, and Bill Paterson is Winston, the longstanding Croft family butler.

Nehesh poll's '*Wrong Words*' uses music to raise awareness

CE FEATURES

THE video song, *Wrong Words*, was recently unveiled as a thoughtful initiative aimed at creating public awareness about a newly proposed bill. Produced by Radical Concept Studio, the project moves beyond the format of a regular album release, standing as a creative response to a larger social concern.

The project is lead by Bengaluru-based Nehesh poll, an automobile engineer by profession and a filmmaker by passion. Nahesh has written the lyrics, composed the music, directed the video, and also appeared on screen in the five-minute song.

Speaking about the idea behind the project, Nahesh said that a bill had been proposed last month prescribing strict penalties for hate speech and hate crimes against individuals or communities, including a fine of 50,000 and imprisonment of up to seven years. "Many people are still unaware of what it entails. I felt music could be an accessible way to initiate conversation and awareness," he said.

The video draws attention to the power of language and the consequences of careless words, using performance and visual storytelling to convey its message. Nahesh also shared his intention to explore socially responsible ideas through future projects, including an experimental concept of documenting the transparent construction of a model road as a symbolic act of accountability and public participation. He added that a portion of the video was filmed near Vidhana Soudha and informally engaged the media by playing the guitar during the interaction.

The creative direction for the song is by Akshara Suresh, while cinematography and editing are handled by Sagar.

Gulshan Devaiah, Saiyami Kher reunite for a short film

CE FEATURES

Actors Gulshan Devaiah and Saiyami Kher will soon be seen together again in a new project, reportedly a short, black-and-white love story, set in Mumbai.

Gulshan and Saiyami have previously worked together twice — for the 2020 series Unpaused and the film *8 AM Metro* (2023). A source close to the development shared, "Saiyami and Gulshan share a very organic comfort level, both on and off screen. They recently worked together, and the chemistry is as natural and compelling as ever."

On the other hand, Gulshan was last seen in *Kantara: Chapter 1* (2025). Saiyami was last seen alongside Sunny Deol in *Jaat* (2025). She also has Priyadarshan's *Haiwaan* with Akshay Kumar and Saif Ali Khan in the pipeline.

Sydney Sweeney to return for The Housemaid sequel

CE FEATURES

THE success of *The Housemaid*, starring Sydney Sweeney and Amanda Seyfried in lead roles, has prompted director Paul Feig to work on a sequel. Lionsgate has approved the sequel titled *The Housemaid*'s Secret, based on Freida McFadden's second novel in the best-selling trilogy. According to a press release from the studio, the movie has been in development for the past few months and will see the start of production "later this year." Screenwriter Rebecca Sonnenshine will return to write the sequel adaptation. Sweeney and co-star Michele Morrone will reprise their roles while Fieg will once again helm the film.

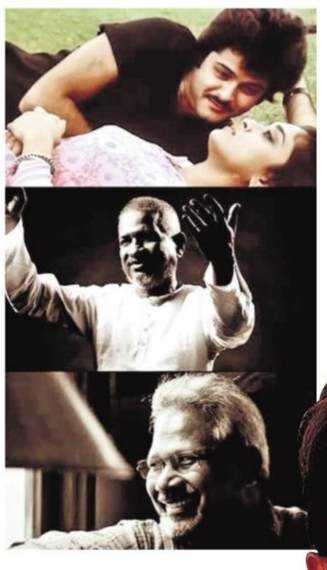
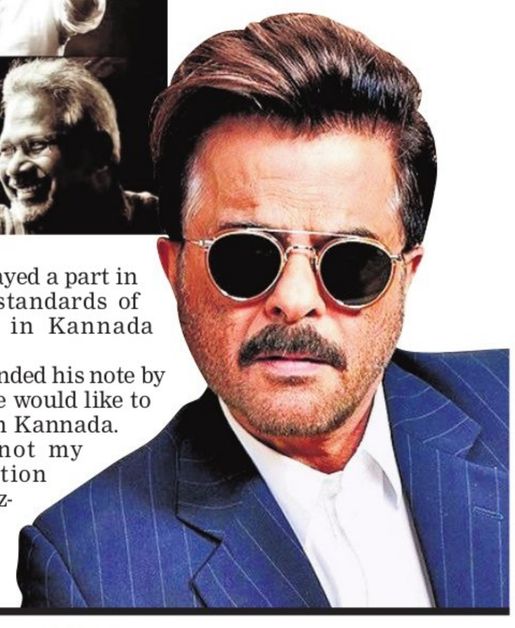
In *The Housemaid*, Sweeney stars as Millie, a woman who is trying to escape her past. She accepts a job as a live-in housemaid for the wealthy Nina (Seyfried) and Andrew Winchester (Brandon Sklenar). But what begins as a dream job quickly unravels into something far more dangerous – a sexy, seductive game of secrets, scandal, and power.

Anil Kapoor praises Kannada cinema as *Pallavi Anu Pallavi* turns 43

CE FEATURES

IT has been 43 years since the release of director Mani Ratnam's *Pallavi Anu Pallavi*, starring Anil Kapoor, Lakshmi, and Kiran Vairale in important roles. Earlier this Wednesday, Anil took to social media to reminisce about the film, which marked his debut in Kannada cinema. Sharing a clip where his character can be heard performing the Ilaiyaraaja song '*O Premi O Premi*', lip-syncing to SP Balasubrahmanyam's voice, Anil wrote, "43 years ago, I took my first step into the Kannada film industry. From then to now, it's incredible to see how Kannada cinema is booming and redefining Indian cinema globally." The film originally hit theatres on January 07, 1983. According to Anil, Kannada cinema has evolved by leaps and bounds over the years.

The actor credited the likes of Yash, Prashanth Neel and Rishab Shetty for the evolution of the industry. According to him, the *KGF* films, directed by Prashanth and starring Yash, and director-actor Rishab's *Kantara* franchise have played a part in raising the standards of filmmaking in Kannada cinema.

The actor ended his note by saying that he would like to work more in Kannada. "Hopefully not my last association with this amazing industry," he wrote, expressing his desire to extend his presence in the industry beyond *Pallavi Anu Pallavi*.

While the film allowed Anil Kapoor to make his entry into Kannada, it marked the directorial debut of Mani Ratnam as well. The film has a dubbed version each in Telugu and Tamil. While the Telugu version has the same title, the one in Tamil is titled *Priya Oh Priya*.